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The attention of Quarterly and Monthly Meetings is particularly directed to the following Minutes of the Yearly Meeting, viz. :—

- Minute No. 19. Educational Report.
- Minute No. 27. Gospel Work.
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- Minute No. 38. Peace Report.
- Minute No. 39. Finance Report.
- Minute No. 57. State of Society.
- Minute No. 58. Appointment of Bible School Superintendent.
- Minute No. 59. Appointment of Finance Committee.
- Minute No. 64. Letters to and from other Churches.
- Minute No. 65. Relating to Water Baptism.
- Minute No. 70. Quarterly Meetings directed to pay Treasurer.
- Minute No. 74. Ministry and Oversight.
- Minute No. 81. One set of Answers to Queries.

The attention of the Representative Meeting is called to Minutes Nos. 62 and 63 of the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting for 1895.

MINUTES OF THE YEARLY MEETING.

1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held in joint session at Portland, Me., commencing on Sixth-day Sixth month 14th, 1895.

2. By the Reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz. : —

FROM RHODE ISLAND — Charles C. Varney, Phebe R. Gifford, Catharine Greene, Esther Chace, Obadiah Chace, Ellen K. Buffum, Susan Peckham, Eunice Greene, Benjamin Greene, Augustine Jones, Samuel R. Buffinton, Charles W. Earle, Cynthia J. Earle, Henry C. Aydelott, Phebe S. Aydelott, Charles E. Dore, Jane E. Dore, Robert P. Gifford, Frank E. Jones, Charles Estes, M. Augusta Battey, and Joseph H. Atwater.

FROM SALEM — Joseph Cartland, Charles H. Jones, Gertrude W. Cartland, William O. Newhall, Daniel C. Maxfield, Alice W. Maxfield, Ellen M. Osborne, John Ellwood Paige, H. Elizabeth Jones, Peter M. Neal, Olney T. Meader, Mary E. Newhall, Mary A. Crosman, John F. Chase, Mary B. Swan, Thomas Wood, Mary Almy Chase, Charles H. Thorndike, George L. Crosman, and Susan H. Meader.

FROM SANDWICH — Ruth S. Murray, Anna G. Wood, Esther D. Macomber, Mary C. Baylies, Harriet S. Davis, Cynthia A. Kirby, Susan M. Seabury, Abbie H. Cornell, Lydia Gifford, Hettie K. Davis, Elizabeth C. Wing, Jane G. Fisher, William P. Macomber, Edward G. Dillingham, Stephen R. Wing, Edward G. Wood, Benjamin H. Kirby, Barnabas Holway, John A. Macomber, Joshua L. Macomber, John C. Taylor, and Philip A. Cornell.

- FROM FALMOUTH — Nathan Douglas, Jehu Newlin, Reuben T. Jones, Edward C. Jones, George H. Farr, Alice W. Hawkes, John J. Frye, Sarah W. Newlin, William H. Varney, Osborne J. Hoffman, J. Hacker Hall, Mabel Hoffman, Phebe R. Cartland, Lucy R. Goddard, Myra E. Frye, Mary A. Maxfield, Lucy A. Hawkes, William E. Watson, and Abbie J. Cook.
- FROM SMITHFIELD — William P. Pinkham, Deborah P. Atherton, D. Wheeler Swift, Henry D. Swift, Salome C. Wheeler, Sarah J. Swift, Isaac Steere, Alice M. Dow, Calvin R. Rockwood, and Rebecca A. Rockwood.
- FROM VASSALBORO — Alfred H. Jones, Albert Pinkham, Mary R. Jones, James C. Pierce, Eliza P. Pierce, James M. Estes, Mary C. Jones, William A. Jones, Elizabeth K. Jones, Annie M. Ray, Sylvena Prescott, Henry H. Goddard, J. Albert Jones, Lizzie J. Estes, Emma F. R. Goddard, Exie Estes, John Jones, and Annie Nichols.
- FROM DOVER — William P. Tuttle, George Estes, Almira B. Buffum, William B. Ware, Almena Nutter, Lydia M. C. Tuttle, Otis Meader, Charles E. Peaslee, Samuel Buffum, Emeline H. Tuttle, Albert C. Buffum, and Anna M. Evans.
- FROM FAIRFIELD — Jesse McPherson, Joseph E. Briggs, Orlando C. Williams, I. Warren Hawkes, Levi Jones, Daniel C. Robbins, Henry Winslow, Ernest W. Bowery, Augustus F. Morse, George B. Wing, Phebe M. Wadsworth, Hannah J. Bailey, Mary C. Hawkes, Mary W. Jones, of Winthrop Centre, Mary W. Jones of Winthrop, Olive M. Tuttle, Mary G. Winslow, Martha B. Osborne, Angelina McPherson, and Sarah G. Wadsworth.
- FROM PARSONSFIELD — John B. Cartland, Silas H. Cartland, Cornelius Turner, Melissa S. Dearborne, Martha E. Hoag, Lizzie S. Hoag, Joseph S. Remick, and Leslie O. Meader.

Whose names being called, one hundred and forty-one were in attendance and ten absent, for the absence of four of whom satisfactory reasons were assigned.

3. We have, at this time, the acceptable company of our friends, Seneca H. Stevens and Ellison R. Purdy from New York Yearly Meeting; David J. Lewis from Ohio Yearly Meeting; Silas F. Strout from Iowa Yearly Meeting; Lindley A. Wells and Barclay Jones from Kansas Yearly Meeting, and John Henry Douglas from Oregon Yearly Meeting, who have presented satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings expressive of unity with them as Ministers and with their present religious engagements with us. We have also the acceptable company of our dear friends in the ministry, Susie Norris and E. Jay Lord of Ohio Yearly Meeting, and Elias G. Minard from New York Yearly Meeting. We give them all a cordial welcome.

4. The subject of furnishing our friends in attendance of this Meeting from other Yearly Meetings, with returning Minutes, if way should open for it, is referred to the following committee, viz: William P. Pinkham, Alfred H. Jones, William O. Newhall, John J. Frye, Edward G. Wood, Alice W. Maxfield, Phebe S. Aydelott, and Mary C. Baylies.

5. We appoint Levi Jones, Robert P. Gifford, Joseph E. Briggs, Daniel C. Maxfield, William A. Jones, Alice W. Maxfield, Anna M. Gove, Susan E. Peckham, a committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer to the present date, to propose a sum of money to be raised sufficient to defray the expenses of the Meeting the ensuing year, and to propose a Friend for Treasurer, also to propose a Friend for Treasurer of the Boarding School at Providence, and another for Treasurer of Oak Grove Seminary, Vassalboro.

6. We have received epistles from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, except London.

7. We appoint the following a committee to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries and present it at a future sitting, viz.: William P. Macomber, Robert P. Gifford, Charles H. Jones, Elizabeth K. Jones, Tacy P. Hawkes, H. Elizabeth Jones, Charles W. Webber, Lucy R. Goddard, and Bessie T. Wing.

8. We have read at this time, to our edification, an epistle from our dear friends of Ireland.

9. The following changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings during the past year, as reported in their accounts to this Meeting, viz : —

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Rhode Island and Providence Monthly Meetings in the appointment of eleven Associate Members to the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. It has united with Providence Monthly Meeting in re-establishing the Preparative Meeting formerly known as “Lower Smithfield” (discontinued in 1877) under the name of Saylesville Preparative Meeting, and held on Fourth day preceding the said Monthly Meeting, commencing with a meeting for worship at 7.30 P. M., and with South Kingston Monthly Meeting in discontinuing the Meeting for worship at Hopkinton, except on the First day previous to the holding of the Monthly Meeting at that place.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Salem Monthly Meeting in the appointment of ten Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight; with Amesbury Monthly Meeting in the appointment of sixteen Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight; with Weare Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Lucy Ellen Collins to the station of Elder, and with Boston Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Eliza Ann Butler to the station of Elder, and six Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

The hour of holding Salem Monthly Meeting in the Eighth, Ninth, and Tenth Months of the present year has been changed to 7.30 P. M.

Amesbury Monthly Meeting in Tenth Month will hereafter be held at Amesbury, Mass., instead of Epping, N. H., at the usual time.

Amesbury Monthly Meeting held at Epping in the seventh Month will be at 2 o'clock P. M.

Amesbury Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight in Tenth Month will be held at Amesbury on Fourth day preceding Monthly Meeting at 2 P. M.

The time of holding Boston Monthly Meeting is changed to the

second Sixth day in the month at 7.45 P. M., excepting in the Sixth Month, when it is held the first Sixth day following the session of the Preparative Meeting. The Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held at 10.30 A. M. of the day of those Monthly Meetings next preceding a Quarterly Meeting.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Mary Abbie Swift to the station of Elder ; with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public Ministry of Alice C. Winslow, and with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Edward T. Tucker, Mary C. Baylies, Thomas F. Hafford, and Mary Hafford to the station of Elder ; also with their several Monthly Meetings in the appointment of thirty-nine Associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight in addition to twenty-six *ex-officio* members of the same Meeting, making a total of sixty-five. (Two of this number have deceased since their appointment.)

We are united in requesting that our Quarterly Meeting in the First and Fourth Months shall convene at 11 A. M. instead of 11.30, as at the present time.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Falmouth Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public Ministry of Myra E. Frye. Charles W. Goddard, a minister and member of Durham Monthly Meeting, has removed within the limits of Kansas Yearly Meeting. William H. Varney has been appointed correspondent of Windham Monthly Meeting. P. O. address, North Windham, Maine.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Bolton Monthly Meeting in the appointment of three associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, and with Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in the appointment of D. Marshall Babcock, D. Wheeler Swift, and Sarah J. Swift to the station of Elder, and also in the appointment of two associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight ; with Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in deciding to hold all its Meetings at Worcester, and in

changing the time to 7.30 P. M. on the Fourth day preceding the last Fifth day in the month.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with China Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public Ministry of Annie M. Ray, also in the appointment of Elizabeth V. Prescott and Harriet L. Hoxie to the station of Elder, and with Vassalboro, Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public Ministry of Henry H. Goddard, and appointing nineteen associate members to the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. It has united with Vassalboro Monthly Meeting in changing the place of holding said Meeting from East Vassalboro to Vassalboro, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Months, and with Unity Monthly Meeting in holding said Meeting at Brooks in Sixth, Eighth, and Tenth Months.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Winthrop Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Mary W. Jones of Winthrop Centre, Angeline McPherson, and Olive M. Tuttle to the station of Elder, and with the same Meeting in the appointment of fifteen associate members to the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

The hour for holding the mid-week Meeting at Manchester and West Gardiner has been changed from 10 A. M. to 7 P. M.

It is united in requesting that the Quarterly Meeting in Ninth Month be held in Winthrop instead of at St. Albans, as at present.

10. In accordance with the direction of our last Yearly Meeting, the several Quarterly Meetings have appointed a Finance Committee, whose names will appear under "Standing Committees" in the Minutes of this Yearly Meeting.

11. The Quarterly Meetings have each appointed a Quarterly Meeting Superintendent of Bible Schools, whose names will appear under "Standing Committees" in the Minutes of this Yearly Meeting.

12. We are informed that all the Quarterly Meetings have directed their Treasurers to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting their respective quotas of Yearly Meeting stock.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE YEARLY MEETING.

From Third Month 1st, 1894, to Third Month 1st, 1895.

STATISTICS OF MINISTERS, ELDERS AND ASSOCIATES.				STATISTICS OF MEMBERSHIP.												STATISTICS OF CHILDREN.				
	No. of Ministers.	No. of Elders.	No. of Associate Members.	No. of Members reported last year.	Error in last year's Report. — Gain.	Error in last year's Report. — Loss.	Births.	Deaths.	Moved in.	Moved out.	Admitted.	Released.	Gain.	Loss.	Present number of Members.	No. of Children between 4 and 21.	No. of Children between 12 and 21.	No. attend'g School. taught or control'd by Friends.	No. attend'g School taught or control'd by Friends.	No. between 12 and 21 attend'g School taught or control'd by Friends.
Rhode Island .	21	27	25	857	1	0	5	13	9	2	33	8	34	9	882	156	85	115	12	11
Salem.....	13	33	36	689	—	—	2	10	13	6	18	4	13	—	702	126	80	89	15	14
Sandwich.....	14	20	38	553	—	—	3	13	3	2	1	1	—	9	544	86	44	44	16	12
Falmouth.....	25	40	2	614	—	—	6	13	11	13	17	11	—	6	608	111	57	91	6	6
Smithfield.....	10	26	11	308	—	—	1	7	5	2	10	12	—	11	303	34	17	22	6	6
Vassalboro....	17	48	15	471	—	—	6	6	1	5	14	16	—	6	465	50	38	38	8	6
Dover	6	18	11	192	2	0	0	7	0	0	2	0	0	3	189	31	13	25	6	5
Fairfield.....	9	36	21	538	—	—	4	7	5	2	14	6	8	—	546	65	40	35	5	5
Parsousfield ..	6	7	8	152	—	—	2	1	0	0	2	5	0	2	150	29	17	20	5	3
	121	255	167	4374	3	0	29	77	47	32	111	63	61	46	4389	688	391	479	79	68

Names of Ministers (Deceased.)	Date of Death.	Age in Years, or in what Year of his Age.	Meetings to which they belonged.
Mary Hoag.....	Second Month 10th, 1895. Fifth Month 19th, 1894. Third Month 4th, 1895.	89th	Sandwich Monthly Meeting. Uxbridge Monthly Meeting. Vassalboro Monthly Meeting.
Stephen Cartland.....		72d	
Sarah B. Goddard.....		67th	

(NOTE.) Charles H. Jones and H. Elizabeth Jones, Ministers received by certificate from New York Yearly Meeting.

Names of Elders (Deceased).	Date of Death.	Age in Years.	Monthly Meetings to which they belonged.
Susannah Mott	Eighth Month 30th, 1894. Fourth Month 15th, 1894. Fifth Month 25th, 1894. Tenth Month 6th, 1894. Sixth Month 18th, 1894. Twelfth Month 10th, 1894. Twelfth Month 30th, 1894. Fifth Month 3d, 1894. Tenth Month 13th, 1894. Third Month 30th, 1895. Fifth Month 29th, 1894. Second Month 28th, 1895. Fifth Month 25th, 1894. Ninth Month 9th, 1894. Second Month 28th, 1895. Third Month 9th, 1895. Eleventh Month 15th, 1894. Twelfth Month 16th, 1894.	76 years and 8 months. 80th year of her age. 88th year of her age. 69th year of his age. 78th year of her age. 53d year of her age. 89th year of her age. 74th year of his age. 59 years. 36 years. 75 years. 73 years. 71 years. 86th year of her age. 80 years and 7 months. 82 years and 2 months. 64 years and 5 months. 72 years and 10 months.	Rhode Island. Rhode Island. Providence. Providence. Amesbury. Boston. Dartmouth. Windham. Durham. Durham. Vassalboro. Vassalboro. China. Winthrop. Winthrop. Winthrop. Sandwich. Dover.
Sarah Almy			
Sarah F. Tobey.....			
Daniel Meader.....			
Mary Ann Folsom.....			
Mary W. Goddard.....			
Maria B. Smith.....			
Nathan Pope			
Helen M. Hacker			
Elwood S. Bailey.....			
Esther B. Taber.....			
Louisa L. Osborne.....			
Nancy H. Pinkham.....			
Emmie W. Farr.....			
Mary F. Bailey.....			
Lavina M. Pope.....			
Emmie D. Cartland.....			
Calhema M. Purinton.....			

Adjourned to meet in joint session this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

SIXTH-DAY AFTERNOON, SIXTH MONTH 14TH.

The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

14. The Representatives, through their Clerk, presented the following report, which is accepted and approved by the Meeting, and the friends therein named are appointed to the respective services for the ensuing year.

The Report is as follows : —

PORTLAND, SIXTH MONTH 14TH, 1895.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

At the time appointed the Representatives met in joint session.

They were united in proposing to the Yearly Meeting the name of Timothy B. Hussey for Clerk and John Elwood Paige for Assistant Clerk of Men's Meeting.

Our dear friend Anna G. Wood presented her request to be released from the duties of Clerk, and after a unanimous expression of grateful appreciation of her many years of service, the proposition was united with, and Ruth S. Murray was named for Clerk and Deborah P. Atherton Assistant Clerk of the Women's Meeting.

On behalf of the Representatives,

ROBERT P. GIFFORD, *Clerk*.

15. The Representatives also proposed the names of the following Friends for a Standing Committee on Nominations to serve the Meeting this year, to whom all appointments shall be referred, each Quarterly Meeting's Representatives proposing two names, viz :

Charles W. Earle.
Elizabeth A. Gifford.
William O. Newhall.
Susan H. Meader.
John A. Macomber.
Bessie T. Wing.
Lucy R. Goddard.
J. Hacker Hall.
D. Wheeler Swift.

Alice M. Dow.
Eliza P. Pierce.
Henry H. Goddard.
William P. Tuttle.
Almira B. Buffum.
I. Warren Hawkes.
Mary G. Winslow.
John B. Cartland.
Melissa S. Dearborne.

The names were approved and the Friends were appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

16. The committee having charge of the Boarding School at Providence presented the following report, which was interesting to the Meeting.

We rejoice in the blessing which has rested on the labors of those connected with the school, and trust the seed sown may bring forth much fruit in after years to the glory of God.

The appointment of a committee to have charge of this work is referred to the Nominating Committee.

REPORT OF PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

In presenting this the Seventy-sixth Annual Report of the Friends' School at Providence, the Committee have gratefully to acknowledge that the health of the school has been excellent throughout the entire year. Both the educational and the religious interests have been fully sustained. The number of those who for the first time have taken some public part in the meetings for worship, and in other distinctive ways have given evidence of a decision for Christ, has been more than in some past years, and in this respect a full average has been maintained.

The various religious meetings, including the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, with the Bible School instruction and the more private labor performed, have accomplished the purpose designed in creating and fostering a genuine Christian influence, and in inciting the minds of the students to enter the service of their Divine Master; and we believe the spiritual atmosphere of the Institution has never been more marked. While the effort and design have been to teach a broad unsectarian Christianity, care has ever been taken that the standard of our Religious Society should not be lowered. In taking a retrospect of this feature of our work, and trusting in the promised blessing of our Lord, we have the conviction that the seed sown will bring forth a harvest even more abundant in the years to come. There were not less than twenty professions of a change of heart and life during the year from persons who had not previously expressed religious interest.

The recent changes in the house and furniture have greatly increased the comfort of the family, and by the introduction of more light and pure air have in a great degree contributed towards the health of the household and its educational progress.

The barn and outside buildings have been reconstructed, and the animals belonging to the Institution have thereby been rendered more comfortable. We have felt that in these matters our educational institutions ought not to be behind the most advanced appreciation of, and kind regard for, "our dumb animals."

The question of taxation continues to come before the Legislature of Rhode Island, and to give us great anxiety. But it looks more and more each year as though the question would be settled upon the present basis, and that we might soon hope for relief in this trying cause. It is a very vital question in the life of the school.

The subject of heating and improved ventilation in the entire buildings has been under consideration for many years, and we have been prevented from proceeding by the large sums demanded for taxes and for various required changes; but the way seems to open now for a beginning, at least, upon this long-needed improvement.

A new gymnasium is much needed, for which subscriptions to the amount of one thousand dollars have already been made, and it is to be hoped that further contributions for a gymnasium and its equipment will soon be forthcoming from the friends of the Institution, but it must give place at present to more necessary exactions and requirements.

The financial condition of the country is felt by the school. The result of every panic in the monetary world is to reduce the students of the private schools and fill up the public schools where it costs nothing for tuition. Endowments for scholarship are very much needed and would greatly extend the usefulness of the school. The foundation is well laid; the grand superstructure which it will properly support demands ample and judicious endowments, that it may maintain the worthy position it has attained and take on its natural growth and progress.

The number of scholars for the year has been.

Boarders	145
Day Students	11
Day Art Students	21
Total	<u>177</u>

OFFICERS OF GOVERNMENT AND INSTRUCTION.

AUGUSTINE JONES, A. M., LL. B., Principal, and Political Science.

EDWARD H. WEEKS, B. P., Governor, and English Studies, and Calisthenics for Boys.

EVELYN BARROWS, B. S., Preceptress, and English Studies.

THOMAS J. BATTEY, A. M., Natural Science.

MARY E. RAWSON, Vocal and Instrumental Music.

SOPHIA L. PITMAN, Drawing and Painting.

WALTER S. MEADER, A. M., Higher Mathematics.

H. B. KNOX, A. B., Greek and Latin.

CHARLES R. JACOB, A. B., Modern Languages.

HELEN L. THOMAS, English Studies.

CHARLOTTE A. SLOCUM, English Studies.

LIZZIE M. PALMER, Primary Room.

ELIZA D. GARDINER, Assistant in Drawing and Painting.

ALLEN W. WEEKS, Mechanic Arts.
 JOHN H. LINDSEY, A. B., English Studies.
 ROBERT BONNER, Instrumental Music.
 ETTA A. CORBIN, Calisthenics for Girls.
 SIDNEY R. BURLEIGH, Special in Water Colors.
 ZECHARIAH R. TUCKER, Special in Mechanical Drawing.
 JULES RUÉRAT, L. P., Conversation in French.
 HANNAH G. RYDER, Secretary and Book-keeper.
 BERTHA F. TUCKER, Librarian.

LECTURER.

THOMAS J. BATTEY, A. M., Natural Science.

The Committee proposes that the rates for admission to the school, per term, for all who may be admitted, be \$150. Credit to members of New England Yearly Meeting from the Obadiah Brown Scholarship Fund, \$75. Credit to a member of any other Yearly Meeting by scholarship from the same fund, of \$25. And a further credit to any member of the New England Yearly Meeting, if selected by the School Committee, from the scholarship of the Charitable Fund, of \$75. The rates are payable at the commencement of each term. An additional charge to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, or German, of \$10; for one year's instruction in mechanical and crayon drawing and painting, \$30.

It is understood that no deduction from the rates of payment shall be made except when occasioned by prolonged sickness, and then a reduction of one half may be made for the balance of the term or period of absence.

Signed, on behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM O. NEWHALL, *Clerk*.

PROVIDENCE, Fifth Month 28th, 1895.

NOTE. — The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 11th, 1895, and the Spring Term begins Second Month 5th, 1896.

Applications for admission to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee, Eighth Month 6th, 1895.

Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should be sure to apply at the time above stated, Eighth Month 6th, 1895.

Applications should be sent to the Principal, Augustine Jones, Providence, R. I.

STATEMENT OF SETTLEMENT FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR END-
ING SEVENTH MONTH 1st, 1894.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW ENGLAND :

RESOURCES.	
Charitable Scholarship Fund	\$1,800 00
Elizabeth Frye Fund for Scholarships	1,500 00
Stephen T. Olney, " " "	2,287 50
P. J. Tripp, " " "	150 00
General " " "	4,500 00
Day Scholars' Tuition	984 50
Auxiliary Studies	3,590 06
Board and Tuition	39,658 56
	\$54,470 62
EXPENDITURES.	
Salary account	\$17,014 53
Wages account	11,362 89
Provisions	10,989 75
Repairs and Renewals	4,303 75
Improvements	1,146 82
Fuel	1,476 41
Light	1,001 81
Water	714 37
Advertising	837 91
Library	433 27
Papers and Periodicals	56 73
Incidentals	247 58
Debts considered bad	387 62
Balance to Repairs and Depreciation	4,497 18
	\$54,470 62
J. H. CHACE, ROBERT P. GIFFORD, CHARLES SISSON, EDWARD T. TUCKER, THOMAS WOOD,	
} Auditors.	

REPORT OF THE REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

We have sold one lot of land during the past year to the City of Providence for a High School site, the same containing 36,000 square feet of land, and received for it the sum of . . . \$14,400 00
Less expenses 298 11

\$14,101 89
Paid to the Treasurer of Providence Friends' School

Funds, this balance \$14,101 89

Our organization has been the same as the year previous.

ROBERT P. GIFFORD,

Clerk of the Real Estate Committee.

17. It is the conclusion of this Meeting that the Real Estate Committee shall in future consist of six members, three of whom shall constitute a *quorum* to transact business, and this committee shall be chosen annually in the same manner as other Standing Committees.

18. The report of the Committee in charge of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute was presented to the Meeting, and accepted with feelings of thankfulness that the young people of this school have been so favorably placed for their spiritual and mental training.

The nomination of a committee to have the charge of this work is referred to the Nominating Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE IN CHARGE OF OAK GROVE SEMINARY AND BAILEY INSTITUTE.

In presenting their Eleventh Annual Report the Committee in charge of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute thankfully acknowledge their belief in the truth of the inspired words, "All things work together for good to them that love God."

The school year commenced under very favorable conditions. With a principal and matron who enjoyed the confidence of all who were in any way interested in the school, with an excellent corps of teachers and an unusually large attendance of pupils, the fall term was among the most successful in the history of the school. The winter term commenced with a large attendance and progressed satisfactorily until the eighth week, when a disease, pronounced by the attendant physicians to be scarlet fever, broke out in the school. At its first appearance several of the boarders left; the day scholars were all removed and the school placed under strict quarantine, which was continued until the close of the term. There were twelve cases, all of a very mild form and requiring but little medical treatment. The usual routine of school work was continued with very little interruption. The principal and teachers labored assiduously to deprive this legal restraint of its unpleasant features. A feeling of content if not of happiness prevailed, and (with a single exception) all the forty-seven pupils not previously converted gave their hearts to Jesus in a covenant that we pray may not be broken.

At the close of the term the building with all its furniture was thoroughly disinfected under the direction of a Board of Health, but the fear of contagion tended to reduce the attendance at the spring term. It numbered ninety-one and the health of the school was excellent. The entire attendance for the year has been one hundred and forty, the largest since the school became the property of the Yearly Meeting. Commence-

ment exercises were held in the old Friends' Meeting House near the school, which was simply but tastefully decorated for the occasion. The graduating class numbered ten — four boys and six girls — all of them active Christians. The essays were highly creditable to the class, both in thought and delivery.

We thankfully acknowledge the addition to the funds of the school of one thousand dollars presented by our dear friend S. Jane Cox as a memorial gift in memory of her deceased husband, Augustus F. Cox, who is held in affectionate remembrance by those who were associated with him in other days in the care of this school. The work of each year at Oak Grove demonstrates more fully the wisdom of the Yearly Meeting in adopting this child in the East.

The school under its present management is doing a work in which Friends all over New England may well rejoice. Our membership is scattered over a large territory, and highly as we prize our Boarding School at Providence, very few children in the eastern Quarterly Meetings can enjoy its privileges. There are schools supported by other branches of the Christian Church around us. Now, in the midst of them, beautiful for situation on the bank of the Kennebec, we have a school of superior grade, strong in the confidence of Friends and also of the public, where our children can be placed with assurance that their religious as well as their educational interests will be carefully guarded and promoted, and from which there go out each year young men and women with correct views of Christian doctrine as held by Friends, with love for the church with which they have been associated and, best of all, with love for Him whom we reverently acknowledge as the Head over all things to the Church.

OFFICERS AND FACULTY.

HENRY H. GODDARD, A. M., Principal and Mathematics.

WILBUR A. ESTES, A. B., Languages.

SIBYL STANLEY, B. S., Science.

HARRIETTE D. COLLINS, Governess, History and English.

HERBERT B. COLE, Commercial Department.

EMMA F. R. GODDARD, Primary Department.

KATE R. SMITH, Instrumental Music.

JESSIE B. HUBBARD, Vocal Music.

SARAH D. LANG, Painting and Drawing.

Address

HENRY H. GODDARD, A. M., *Principal*,

Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute,

Vassalboro, Maine.

On behalf of the Committee,

CHARLES M. BAILEY, *Chairman*.

I. WARREN HAWKES, *Clerk*.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 13th, 1895.

TREASURER'S REPORT, OAK GROVE SEMINARY AND BAILEY
INSTITUTE, 1894 and 1895.

RECEIPTS.

6th Mo. 8th.	By balance from last year . . .	\$689 76	
"	" Board and Tuition . . .	5,826 67	
"	" Interest on Endowment Fund .	678 61	
"	" Cash from State Treasurer .	800 00	
"	" Cash from Endowment Fund .	1,350 00	
"	" Cash from S. Jane Cox . . .	1,000 00	
"	" Cash from Samuel R. Buffinton, Treasurer	575 00	
"	" Cash from Macomber, Farr & Co., ...	20 00	
			\$10,940 04

EXPENDITURES.

To Salary account	\$2,604 98	
" Wages	510 75	
" Scholarship	301 88	
" Repairs and Renewals . . .	877 17	
" Provisions	1,749 31	
" Fuel	597 39	
" Lights	53 27	
" Incidentals	243 67	
" Foreclosures	150 35	
" Taxes	258 47	
" Premium on Insurance Policy .	225 00	
" Cash paid Trustees	1,700 00	
		\$9,362 24
Balance on hand		\$1,577 80
Amount payable to Endowment Fund		1,650 00
Excess of expenditures over receipts		\$72 20

JOSEPH E. BRIGGS,
Treasurer.

We have examined the Treasurer's account with vouchers and found them correct.

GEORGE L. CROSMAN,
HANNAH J. BAILEY,
Auditors.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 13th, 1895.

19. The following report from the Committee on Education was received and accepted.

We hope that those to whom is entrusted the care of training our young people will bear in mind the suggestions contained in it.

The nomination of a Committee on Education is referred to the Nominating Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW ENGLAND:

The Committee on Education has, during the past year, endeavored by the undivided efforts of its members to promote the cause of education in different parts of the Yearly Meeting. The organized efforts of the Committee have, however, extended far beyond our own limits.

The Committee appropriated thirty dollars soon after its appointment last year for the purpose of securing articles on education from prominent members of our Society to be published in the *American Friend*. As a result of this action five able and practical articles were secured which presented in a fresh and attractive way some of the necessities and benefits of education.

The publication of the valuable statistical account of the Friends' schools and colleges in the United States and Canada, which appeared in the *American Friend* of Sixth Month 6th, 1895, was also made possible by the appropriation of the Committee. While the influence of these articles has been felt far beyond the borders of our own Yearly Meeting, it has seemed to the Committee that more of our members could be reached through the instrumentality of this paper, which ought to be in every Friend's home, than in any other way.

Your Committee would urge, as it did last year, the importance of a liberal Christian education. Education has always been a handmaid of Christianity, a handmaid the life of which the church has in many a dark age fostered with especial care. Our Heavenly Father is, in the century in which we live, removing more rapidly than ever before, the seals which have long rested upon the doors of many realms of truth, and in no age was it so necessary as it is now that the minds of Christians should be well trained and abreast of truth everywhere, if they would so reach the world that Christ shall be all in all.

The apprehension of truth, the proper balance of the various aspects of truth, and the effective expressions of truth in character and in Christian effort, may all be greatly aided by proper mental training. God, in his providence, is opening for Friends opportunities to influence the thought of Christendom as never before, if we but had the thinkers capable of ministering efficiently to the needs of the time. Our youth ought to receive a training so liberal that should any be called to such a noble work, the Master would find them vessels prepared and meet for His use.

In the face of the fact that in nearly every State in the Union efforts are being made to introduce a military training into the public schools, Friends ought, we feel, to maintain and patronize at all cost our own schools. Sacrifices may often be necessary on the part of some in order to do this, but in a cause so sacred as the training of the young in the principles of the gospel of peace no sacrifice is too great.

On behalf of the Committee,

GEORGE A. BARTON,

Chairman.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 14th, 1895.

TREASURER'S REPORT, COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from former account	\$36 38
From Swansea Monthly Meeting	2 35
From Salem Monthly Meeting	5 38
From Dartmouth Monthly Meeting	1 00
From Boston Monthly Meeting	96
From Rhode Island Monthly Meeting	4 00
From Uxbridge Monthly Meeting	2 00
From Providence Monthly Meeting	5 00
	\$57 07

EXPENDITURES.

To Rufus M. Jones, to be used in payment for articles on Education for <i>American Friend</i>	\$30 00
	\$27 07
Balance in hand	

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 1895.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

SEVENTH-DAY MORNING, SIXTH MONTH 15TH.

The meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

20. The joint epistle from New York Yearly Meeting was read, to our edification.

21. Our beloved friend Fernando G. Cartland presented a minute from Poughkeepsie Monthly Meeting, New York, expressing unity with him in his proposed visit to New England Yearly Meeting.

Edwin Bedell, a member of the same Meeting, also presented a letter of introduction from his friends. We welcome our brothers among us.

22. We have also with us our brother Fred C. Rogers, as a fraternal delegate from the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He brings to us the loving greetings and the cordial good wishes of the body which he represents. We have enjoyed this interchange of Christian fellowship, and rejoice in the fresh demonstrations of the truth, "One is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren."

23. The Nominating Committee presented the names of the Committee on Correspondence: Rufus M. Jones, Adeline L. F. Daniels, and others.

24. They also presented names for a committee to have charge of the Friends' School at Providence, and the names of a Committee on Education.

These nominations were approved by the Meeting, and the Friends are accordingly appointed to these services. Their names will be found under "Standing Committees."

25. Tables of statistics sent from our Quarterly Meetings have been summarized.

The request that there should be some information on the subject of collegiate education and a revision of the statistical blank was referred to the Committee on Education.

26. The Committee appointed last year to represent us at Washington in behalf of the Aborigines of our country presented a report, and also a copy of the Memorial which they sent to the members of Congress.

Their labors were satisfactory to the Meeting, and the necessity for the services no longer existing the Committee are released.

27. The Committee on Gospel Work presented their report, which shows much earnest work for the Master in the different parts of the Yearly Meeting. The Meeting accepts the report with thankfulness for what has already been done, and would continue the work for the coming year with the desire that even greater efforts may be made in the promotion of the cause of Christ.

The subject of the appointment of a committee to whom this work may be referred was left to the Nominating Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GOSPEL WORK.

DEAR FRIENDS:

The small Committee on Gospel Work entered upon the service to which they were appointed, under a solemn sense of the responsibility resting upon them.

As we look back over the work of the year, while we regret that no more has been accomplished, yet our hearts are filled with gratitude to God that his blessing has so manifestly rested upon nearly every meeting. The membership in many meetings has been wonderfully blessed, and united as never before in their efforts to extend the Redeemer's Kingdom. Individual souls have heard the call to a higher and holier life.

Workers have found not only whitened fields awaiting their coming, but have heard from every side the old, old cry, "Come over and help us." We have sent back the same sad word, "The laborers are few."

The following extracts taken from reports of the superintendents of the Quarterly Meetings show, as far as we are able, the work of the Committee.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, Phebe S. Aydelott, Superintendent. Meetings visited, Greenwich, Providence, Saylesville, Newport, Portsmouth, Fall River, Swansea, and Freetown.

One series of Meetings held at Fall River, consisting of twelve Meetings. One at Saylesville, seven Meetings. Thirty-two Meetings without continuous service. Thirty-eight families visited. One professed renewal.

Three series of Meetings, not under the auspices of this Committee, have been held in this Quarterly Meeting with good results.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, Henry F. Newell, Superintendent. Meetings visited, Portland, Windham, Casco, Lewiston, Bowdoin, and Durham.

Two series of Meetings, one of twenty-four Meetings held at Windham, one at Durham, twenty-two Meetings. Seven Meetings visited without continuous service. Families visited, fifty-eight. Two professed conversions and renewals.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, Salome C. Wheeler, Superintendent. Number of Meetings, five. Eighteen Meetings have been held by Gospel Committee. While there is little to report, it is with gratitude that we acknowledge the faithful labor performed by local workers.

Salem Quarterly Meeting, J. Elwood Paige, Superintendent. Number of Meetings, eleven. Names of Meetings visited: Lawrence, Mass.; Lynn, Mass.; Epping, N. H.; East Lynn, No. Weare, So. Weare, So. Pittsfield. One series of Meetings held at Lynn, twelve Meetings. Five Meetings have been visited without continuous service. Fifty-three families visited. Seven professed conversions.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, William P. Macomber, Superintendent. Encouraging reports received. The Lord has truly blessed the work done, so that there is great rejoicing in many homes, and some of the small Meetings are putting on new life.

Nine series of Meetings have been held. Number of Meetings, two hundred and ten. Families visited, one hundred and seventy. Professed conversions and renewals, seventy-seven.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting, Jessie McPherson, Superintendent. The Meeting at Fairfield reports that by members of Gospel Committee twenty-three Meetings have been held, thirty-three calls made, three conversions reported, and the membership greatly revived and blessed. Attendance at their Meetings increased. Hallowell, forty-four Meetings held. Family visits, twenty-two. Professed conversions and renewals, twenty-four.

Two series of Meetings have been held at St. Albans. Meetings comprising them, twenty-nine. Calls made, twelve. Conversions and renewals, eleven.

Winthrop, two series of Meetings; seven Meetings in each. Families visited at Augusta, Readfield, and Winthrop, thirty.

One Meeting supplied with Ministry three consecutive months.

Parsonsfeld Quarterly Meeting, Silas H. Cartland, Superintendent. There are four Meetings in this Quarter. Thirty-four days have been given to gospel work by members of Committee. One hundred and six family visits paid during the year. Besides the established Meetings a Sabbath evening Meeting has been held. Five Bible Readings given. Fifty-eight dollars raised for the work. Some conversions have been reported. Two members added to the church.

Dover Quarterly Meeting, Emeline H. Tuttle, Superintendent. Meetings visited, Dover, Meaderboro, and Gonic. Three series of Meetings held. Comprising the series, Dover twelve, Gonic three, and Meaderboro twelve. Five Bible Readings given. Eight-four family visits have been paid. Two professed renewals.

Faithful service performed in this Quarter by ministers and others not under the auspices of the Committee. No pecuniary assistance received from Gospel Committee, each Meeting having cared for their workers. Fifty dollars raised for carrying on the work. North Berwick, Bible Reading.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting, James M. Estes, Superintendent. In this Quarterly Meeting great good has been accomplished by home workers as well as others. Having themselves received the "bread of life" they have gone out in the freshness of their love and called others in to share with them. At Parmenter Hill Schoolhouse twenty-one Meetings held, good work done, believers strengthened and encouraged. Pigeon Plains, twenty-one Meetings held. At Unity a series of Meetings, continuing five weeks. From China and Vassalboro thirty Meetings reported.

In the whole Quarter ninety-one calls made, ninety-one dollars raised, and ninty-seven Meetings were held. Professed renewals and conversions, fifty-four.

SUMMARY OF WORK.

Number of Meetings visited	29
Series of Meetings	30
Meetings comprising them	573
Family visits	655
Meetings without continuous service	413
Number of professed conversions and renewals	151
Bible Readings	20

Superintendents have performed their work, we believe, faithfully, at how great an expenditure of time and strength cannot be estimated; and the discouragements met with when unable to find workers to enter the open fields none can tell. We acknowledge, nevertheless, the blessing of Him who commanded His followers to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.

We recommend that the work be continued under the care of a committee, and that the Yearly Meeting appropriate two thousand dollars for their use.

For the Committee,

HARRIETTE D. COLLINS, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF COMMITTEE ON GOSPEL WORK,
1894 AND 1895.

RECEIPTS.

Received from Amesbury Monthly Meeting	\$12 50
“ “ Rhode Island “ “	20 50
“ “ Durham “ “	6 00
“ “ Bolton “ “	14 50
“ “ Boston “ “	44 90
“ “ Salem “ “	120 80
“ “ Swansea “ “	87 15
“ “ Providence “ “	13 00
“ “ Winthrop “ “	92 89
“ “ Sandwich “ “	5 00
“ “ Vassalboro “ “	9 25
“ “ Smithfield “ “	25 00
“ “ St. Albans “ “	5 21
“ “ Uxbridge “ “	54 00
“ “ Falmouth “ “	21 61
“ “ Berwick “ “	10 00
“ “ Westport “ “	15 00
“ “ Dartmouth	4 34
“ “ Sidney	5 00
“ “ Dover	3 00

Received from Weare	2 00	
“ “ Silas H. Cartland, Supt., ...	58 50	
“ “ A. D. Aldrich	10 00	
“ “ A. F. Morse	2 00	
		\$642 15

EXPENDITURES.

Amount paid Superintendent and others	\$371 50
Balance on hand	\$270 65

JOSEPH E. BRIGGS, *Treasurer.*

SIXTH MONTH 15th, 1895.

Adjourned to three o'clock this afternoon.

SEVENTH-DAY AFTERNOON, SIXTH MONTH 15TH.

The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

28. Our friend Peter W. Raidabaugh attended this meeting, with Minutes from Western Springs Monthly and Chicago Quarterly Meetings, expressing unity with him as a minister.

A cordial welcome is extended to our brother.

29. The Church Extension Board presented its first report, which was accepted by the meeting. We unite in the desire expressed in the report, that the Board may become “an agency in broadening, deepening, and strengthening the influence of the Society of Friends in New England.”

The Nominating Committee was requested to supply the vacancies occurring this year in the committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

Immediately upon its appointment at last Yearly Meeting the *Church Extension Board* held a meeting at Newport and organized, with Benjamin F. Trueblood, as Chairman, George L. Crosman, Secretary, and Thomas Wood, Treasurer. As soon after that as seemed feasible, viz., on the 29th of Tenth Month, another meeting of the Board was held in Boston, which was attended by eleven of the fifteen members and trustees.

By mutual consent the Board and Trustees were organized as one body, and the Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, with Phebe S. Aydelott, and D. Wheeler Swift, were appointed an Executive Committee to act in the interim between sessions of the full Board. At this meeting it appeared that the sum of \$144 had already been contributed towards current

expenses of the work. The subject of securing a permanent fund was considered, and five friends offered to give \$500 each towards such a fund, on condition that a total sum of \$10,000 could be raised. Timothy B. Hussey was appointed to visit Quarterly Meetings and solicit further subscriptions for the fund. It was also decided to issue a circular letter setting forth the advantages and necessities of the work. Such a letter was prepared, and 1,200 copies were printed and distributed by mail throughout the Yearly Meeting, a portion being sent into every Monthly Meeting. While the circulars have not apparently resulted in swelling our permanent fund, we have received evidence that they served to awaken an interest in the work of the Church Extension, and our Treasurer has received during the year pledges of contributions to the amount of \$305 for current needs, of which \$271 has been collected and expended.

The Executive Committee has met several times during the year, and has taken such action as seemed desirable regarding various avenues of work opened up to us.

In the early part of the year favorable opportunity was presented for assisting the Meeting at Meaderboro, N. H. Joseph G. Smith, of Lynn, spent a short time there last fall with encouraging results, and his service was followed by Silas F. Strout, who has remained there until the present time. During the year the Meeting has increased in attendance from only ten or twelve to seventy-five or one hundred, and the Bible School in a similar proportion.

While our Board has contributed \$135.54 towards the work at this place, the Friends and others attending the meeting have raised fully as much more. The results obtained at Meaderboro are indicative of what might be done in many places in the Yearly Meeting had we the necessary workers and funds to use.

Consideration has been given to the needs felt by Friends at North Weare for building up the work in that place. After some correspondence one member of our Executive Committee visited North Weare and held a conference with the Friends regarding measures that might be adopted to this end, and although the best plan is not yet decided upon we think in time something can be accomplished.

We have also had correspondence with Friends at South Pittsfield where help is wanted, and where a gospel worker ought to be located at an early day. At Lawrence, Friends are in much need of a house of worship and are making strenuous efforts to build one. A lot has been secured already and funds are being solicited for the house. Our Board has contributed \$100 towards the building fund at Lawrence and would be glad to give more if able, as we believe the Friends at Lawrence well deserve encouragement of a substantial nature.

We have also been in correspondence with individual workers with a view to finding those available, and suited to fields of labor where such are wanted. While we have felt the necessity of funds we have been strongly

impressed with the lack there is of available workers. There are many fields ready for cultivation and growth could we find efficient laborers to put into them.

We believe the Yearly Meeting has no work of greater importance than this of extending its influence to neglected communities, and of giving assistance to Meetings which are struggling under adverse conditions. One of the benefits to be realized from the creation of the Board is already seen in increased effort on the part of small meetings to help themselves when encouraged by assistance from the Yearly Meeting. We have received letters from individual Friends living remote from any Friends' Meeting, from workers seeking fields of labor, and from communities of Friends needing help, which indicate that with sufficient funds and workers at its disposal the Board might soon become an agency in broadening, deepening, and strengthening the influence of the Society of Friends in New England.

We feel that of necessity the work accomplished during this first year has been largely prospective, and that perhaps as much has been realized as could reasonably be expected. With the work well organized we hope sufficient funds will soon be placed at the command of the Board to meet all requirements made upon it.

If out of a membership of over four thousand there could be found one thousand Friends in the Yearly Meeting who could contribute \$10 each per year for the use of this Board (or five hundred who would give \$10 each, and one thousand who would give \$5) we would be able to spend \$10,000 every year towards assisting in the building of meeting-houses where there are none now, and of sustaining meetings in localities where they have been partially or wholly discontinued.

May our love for Christ prompt us to make our Society of the greatest possible efficacy in proclaiming the everlasting gospel to whole communities right here within our own borders who are living without God and hope of salvation.

As the time has expired for which four members of the Board and one trustee were appointed, we are united in asking that the Yearly Meeting fill the vacancies thus created.

On behalf of the Board,

GEORGE L. CROSMAN, *Secretary*.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 13th, 1895.

TRUSTEES' REPORT OF THE CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD.

Cash in the Worcester Institution for Savings	\$20 00
For the Trustees,	

D. WHEELER SWIFT.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 14th, 1895.

TREASURER'S REPORT, CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD.

RECEIPTS.

Received from pledges	\$271 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Printing	\$8 00
Travelling expenses	7 26
Work at Meaderboro	100 00
Stationery	3 50
Postage and mailing	16 70
Lawrence Meeting House Fund	100 00
Work at Meaderboro	35 54
	\$271 00

Leaving no unexpended balance.

THOMAS WOOD, *Treasurer*.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 15th, 1895.

30. The committee who have had the care of building the meeting-house in Portland, in which the Yearly Meeting is now so comfortably accommodated, gave a verbal report of their labors.

The unanimous voice of the meeting was in favor of assuming two thousand dollars of the indebtedness still remaining on the house.

31. The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read, and listened to with great interest. Some friends who have recently returned from Ramallah gave a verbal account of the mission, which was helpful and instructive. We feel that He who has hitherto blessed the work still calls us to go on in faith and prayer, trusting in His power to open the doors and enlarge the opportunities for service in the land of the Bible.

The appointment of a committee to have charge of this work was referred to the Nominating Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:—

In presenting a report of the work during the past year, it is with feelings of heartfelt thankfulness for the continued prosperity of the mission at Ramallah.

The Training Home opened on its sixth year on the first of Tenth Month, with twenty-four girls, under the same efficient teachers as in

past years. The school is divided into three classes. The first class will close its school year in the Sixth Month with a public examination. Seven of the girls have completed the course of instruction required by the teachers, and will receive diplomas, enabling them to obtain positions as teachers both in the English and Arabic languages. We rejoice in their proficiency, but there is a deeper feeling of gratitude as we remember that their hearts have been touched by the Lord, and that they have consecrated themselves to this service. These girls will find employment in our own schools, and most of them will board at the Mission, so they will still be under our care.

It is surely cause for thankfulness that we have so soon been able to prepare our own teachers, who will be the means, we trust, of extending our work, and of uplifting many of the girls of Palestine.

The two younger classes are making good progress in their studies, besides receiving lessons in industry, order, and neatness.

The girls still conduct a paper, the *Carrier Dove*, which is read every month. They also carry on their Peace Society in perfect order. This meeting, started by our friend, Etta Johnston, has been of great use to the children.

Our Superintendent reports as follows: The Sabbath School, which opened in the beginning of the school year, is in a prosperous condition. The average attendance is ninety. Many of the boys and girls from the out schools attend, and all seem interested. The teachers are sowing the good seed, leaving the result in the hands of our Lord and Master, who alone can give the increase.

The day schools in the village opened prosperously in the beginning of the school year; the whole number of scholars, one hundred and thirty. The teachers in these schools seem to have a wonderful faculty in governing and holding their pupils. Many of the little ones attend regularly, and their conduct in their dark homes with their ignorant parents speaks of the good teaching they are receiving in the school. One girl was taught a little prayer at Christmas. She in turn taught the prayer to her mother, who uses it every evening, and blesses her daughter for the prayer and the Bible Lessons she brings home. Thus we are sending out little missionaries from our schools.

The schools in the outlying villages of Ophrah and Jiffneh will be the means, we trust, of leading many souls to the dear Saviour. Though the children are often prevented from coming to school by their daily work out of doors, we believe they come as often as possible. Some of the teachers are often sent from the Mission to visit these schools, and they bring good reports of the work which is done in them.

Emily Audi, our Bible woman, gives an encouraging report of the Mothers' Meetings, which she holds three times a week in different parts of the village; whole number attending, eighty. The women seem to be greatly interested, and bring their work with them, such as cleaning wheat, sewing their robes, etc. A Mohammedan woman once attended the

meeting, and was so delighted to hear the Bible read that she promised to come again, and did so at every opportunity.

A Latin woman (Roman Catholic) who was visited refused to listen to the reading, yet she was not given up. After repeated visits and interesting talks she began to read the Bible which belonged to her husband. Now, she says, she reads it every evening with him and finds comfort in it. A young widow was so much interested in these meetings that she offered her room for the services. We believe the Lord's blessing is resting upon these poor women who are uplifted by these gatherings.

The Medical Department has been carried on as usual. One hundred and twenty-three surgical operations have been performed; one thousand seven hundred and sixty-three patients on clinic days; one thousand six hundred and forty-two patients visited at their homes; one thousand two hundred and sixty patients with eye diseases were treated; thirty-seven villages visited. Some of these villages are several hours' distant, and the physician sometimes requires a day and a half for a single visit. On clinic days some of the poor sufferers are brought on donkeys for many miles.

We have greatly enjoyed the visit of our dear friends William and Susan Thompson, whose labors in our meetings, and in the homes of the people, have been helpful and comforting. They have borne, and had patience, and have not fainted under the pressure of care devolving upon them, and we trust they will receive a sure reward.

In conclusion, the Committee would express their feelings of regret at parting with our beloved Superintendent, Huldah H. Leighton, who has labored so long and so earnestly for the prosperity of the Mission, but whose failing health requires her to relinquish the care. Alone in a foreign land, and amid many difficulties, she has been enabled faithfully to perform the duties of her position.

The Committee feel that among the Syrian women and children who have experienced her loving care, and whose lives have been brightened by her Christian teachings, there are many "to rise up and call her blessed."

The little seed sown by our dear friends Eli and Sibyl Jones has, through the blessing of the Lord, grown into a tree, under whose branches many have sought and found rest. The Committee are encouraged in the belief that though there have been blessings in the past, still there is more to follow. The word of the Lord to his servant of old seems to be renewed to the New England Yearly Meeting in regard to this mission field. "Be strong and of good courage, for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

On behalf of the Committee,

RUTH S. MURRAY, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
FOR NEW ENGLAND, *in account with* WM. T. HUSSEY, *Treasurer.*

RECEIVED.

1894. 6th Mo. 22.

Balance for last year	\$745 59
Interest from Permanent Fund	217 06
“ “ Four Thousand Dollar Note	200 00
From R. E. Allinson, Treasurer of Bible School	5 00
Elisha T. Read, Treasurer Woonsocket Bible School	65 00
Harry Alger and mother	10 00
E. S. Fiske	50 00
Huldah E. Gifford	10 00
Jacob L. Moulder	5 00
Rev. C. C. Starbuck	1 00
Sale of Cattell Bonds	350 00
Wm. Wood, for Lawrence Friends	5 00
Emily Thomas	5 00
Two Baptist ladies, for 2 “Lambs of the fold”	20 00
Annie B. Jones, Little Helpers' Mission	5 00
Matilda Burleigh, for Missionary Society	5 00
Ellen Collins	20 00
Samuel Miles	50 00
Mary B. Post, Treasurer W. F. M. S., New York	28 24
Eli Page	5 00
Mrs. Chas. Wilber	101 51
Adelaide Y. Wilbour	5 00
Susan M. Seabury	25 00
Mary and Helen H. Seabury	5 00
Sarah Cartland	2 00
Clara Roberts	5 00
Lucretia G. Chace	75 00
Susan H. Meader, Treasurer W. F. M. S., support of 21 girls, ...	1,365 00
Proceeds of lectures of Etta H. Johnston	46 58
Junior Band of Boston	5 00
Hannah M. Barker	5 00
From Eunice A. Green, for education of day scholar	5 00
Lizzie Hawkes, for education of day scholar	5 00
Children of Pasadena, Cal., education of two day scholars	10 00
Emma Wingate	5 00
A. T. Chase	1 50
S. S. Harlow, Fort Fairfield Meeting	5 00

Carry forward,

\$3,428 48

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$3,428 48
Arthur H. Swift, contributions from the Jamaica Mission	5 00
Isabel Stanley	5 00
Mary L. Chase, for Carrie Smith's class	5 00
Adaline L. F. Daniels	1 00
Eunice Winslow, for W. F. M. S.	5 00
Carrie E. Johnston	5 00
Thomas H. Levering	20 00
Jennie Levering	1 00
Robert B. Warder	10 00
Annie Estes, to be sent to Nazha Rodeslie	3 00
Elizabeth H. S. Wood	3 90
Susan Seabury's Class	3 00
Elizabeth M. Hawkes, Friends' Bible School	5 00
J. E. and Sadie H. Eves	1 00
North Berwick, Beech Ridge Church	5 12
Lizzie W. Swan, Mite Box	5 00
Mrs. C. M. Jones, Mite Box	2 02

1895.

Katherine M. Brevet, Treasurer Foreign Mission Committee of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, for support of Jifneh Day School	140 00
Jennie Allyn, support of Hope School, Ramallah	100 00
Lizzie W. Swan, support of Hope School, Ramallah	50 00
Lydia A. Griffen, Treasurer Purchase Quarterly Meeting, for support of Ophrah School	150 00
Aletta B. W. Lawrence, Treasurer of C. E. of New York and Brooklyn, for support of Western School, Ramallah	150 00
Ellen K. Buffum, for Building Fund	50 00
From J. & E. Myers	5 00
Gonic Bible School	48 75
Allen's Neck Bible School	5 00
Smith's " " " by Olive D. Howland	4 00
Worcester " " " Sarah J. Swift	16 00
R. I. Monthly Meeting, by A. M. Kimber and J. S. Anthony	20 75
Swansea Monthly Meeting, C. A. Chace, Treasurer	94 05
Providence Monthly Meeting, R. P. Clifford, "	49 00
So. Kingston Monthly Meeting, W. T. Collins, "	11 50
Salem Monthly Meeting, J. Ellwood Paige, "	150 12
Amesbury Monthly Meeting, J. Augustus Davis, "	10 75
Weare Monthly Meeting, L. H. Osborne, "	2 00
Boston Monthly Meeting, L. S. Jones, "	58 50
Sandwich Monthly Meeting, Joseph Ewer, "	27 00
Westport Monthly Meeting, J. A. Gifford, "	20 00

New Bedford Monthly Meeting, A. W. Holmes, Treasurer,	\$28 50
Falmouth Monthly Meeting, Ezra Hawkes,	6 81
Durham Monthly Meeting, M. H. Robinson,	1 00
Smithfield Monthly Meeting, W. H. Aldrich,	35 50
Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, F. H. Inman,	108 50
Bolton Monthly Meeting, H. E. Babcock,	9 00
Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, Henry Taber,	1 00
China Monthly Meeting, Wm. A. Jones,	8 00
Dover Monthly Meeting, D. F. Jenness,	3 00
Berwick Monthly Meeting, Samuel Buffum,	10 00
Winthrop Monthly Meeting, E. A. Bailey,	55 88
St. Albans Monthly Meeting, J. W. Chandler,	8 21
Parsonsfield Monthly Meeting, Jas. Cartland,	5 00
Contribution from Wm. Thompson,	30 00
Sarah H. Taber's Bible Class	5 00
Elizabeth S. Fiske	50 00
Proceeds of Note paid into Building Fund	925 00
	\$5,968 34

1894.

EXPENDED.

6th Mo. 22.	For London Draft sent the Mission, £150 stg. .	\$733 12
	Missionary Reports	35 25
	Envelopes and Postage Stamps	28 96
8th " 9.	London Draft sent the Mission, £100 stg. .	488 50
	Cablegrams and Expressage	12 40
	London Draft sent the Mission, £50 stg. .	243 75
	Deposited in Savings Bank for Katie Gabriel	160 00
	" " " " " Martha Nusr	160 00
12th " 5.	London Draft sent the Mission, £100 stg. .	488 00
	Salary of Huldah H. Leighton	500 00
1895.		
1st Mo. 21.	London Draft sent the Mission, £100 stg. .	489 25
	Books, Pictures, and Diplomas	66 77
4th " 8.	London Draft sent the Mission, £100 stg. .	489 75
5th " 31.	Paid Wm. Thompson for Money lent the	
	Mission	200 00
	Sent to York County Savings Bank for Building Fund	300 00
	Deposits in Strafford Savings Bank belonging to Building Fund	1,185 00
	Balance in Strafford Savings Bank for current expenses	387 59
		\$5,968 34

Examined vouchers of account and approved.

ROBERT P. GIFFORD, *Auditor.*

32. The report of the Committee on Western Indians was interesting and satisfactory, showing the influence of Christian teaching and Christian living upon the untutored children of the Plains.

In view of the duty which rests upon us, emphasized by the traditions of our people from the time of Penn to the present hour, we wish to press home upon our membership, with special force, the claims of this abused and unfortunate race.

Let us, by our money and by our prayers, strengthen the hands of the self-sacrificing and tireless workers who have taken up their homes among the "Red Men."

The nomination of a committee to continue this work is referred to the Committee on Nomination.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Associated Executive Committee, composed of delegates from the various Yearly Meetings on the Continent, have held two Annual Meetings the past year at Germantown, Pa.

The first was presided over with a great deal of dignity and grace by our late dear friend, Dr. James E. Rhoads, who has been conspicuous in Indian work since President Grant inaugurated his peace policy. At this meeting, which was held in Sixth Month, 1894, our Committee was represented by three delegates. A careful survey of the field was taken and much interest awakened. George W. Hartley, of Indiana, was made Superintendent of the work which Dr. Kirk loved and served so well. In the autumn John S. Kimber visited the mission stations under the care of Friends, of which some account will be given later.

The very sudden death of our dear friend and visible leader in the Indian work (Dr. James E. Rhoads) caused us to feel that the work must indeed languish; but in the good providence of God it was found at the second meeting, held the middle of last month, that while no *one* could individually fill his place, *all* went more particularly into the work of the various stations as a committee, and thus learned more of the work than usual.

At the second meeting four delegates were present from New England. The principal stations were taken up one by one, and the condition of work and workers considered. The removal of Philander and Caroline Blackledge from the Modocs to the Senecas last year has caused the work at Seneca to grow, while that at the Modoc station has languished, thus illustrating that mission workers who have tact and devotion should not

hastily be removed. The Indians, like white people, have their choice of helpers. Robert Hodson (half of whose support we pay) has been working hard as usual, at Ottawa and points connected with it. His wife teaches school, taking her babe with her.

At Wyandotte there has been much difficulty from the fact that Friends here have no meeting-house of their own, and now use the Methodist Church twice a month. The minister of this church is opposed to Friends and tries to detract from them. It seems very desirable that we have a house of our own, but the Committee has not the funds to build it. One hundred dollars, however, has been contributed toward the building. This is an important station, there being a Government school located here where Friends have ready access to the children.

The accounts from Skiatook are good, and it is still left under the special charge of the Philadelphia Indian Aid.

The Committee thought Ella Hartley a valuable woman, and desiring her to work with her husband to a greater extent than heretofore, has made them both Superintendents of the work; it being understood that if one is away from home the other can give the needed care to the meeting and home.

The Kickapoo Mission continues to claim our loving interest, and no question is raised as to the fitness of the workers there for the place they fill. Rachel Kirk is now sharing that home and finding work among the Indians in that vicinity.

In order that the work may be better understood I have copied the following from a letter received from John S. Kimber relative to his visit in Indian and Oklahoma Territories:—

“After spending our first night in the Indian country at Jeremiah Hubbard’s, where we had a good chance to meet John Winnie and daughter, we drove from there to Bluejacket, where we had an interesting time. I saw Bluejacket both in Meeting and at his home; he is old, but green in old age. They told me in the town of Bluejacket that the people would as lieve hear Charles Bluejacket talk in Meeting as any one, and indeed his remarks were of great interest. At Quarterly Meeting time he and John Winnie both sat together, facing the Meeting, and both spoke, the latter in Indian. It was an impressive sight.

“Then to Miami. There are almost no Indians in the Miami meeting now, but it is a wonderfully needy and interesting field. Then to the Ottawas. A most blessed Meeting there, a wonderful proof of the spiritual work of dear brother and sister Hodson. Here are the graves of the dear little Tuttle children. What a stimulus they should be to us!

“A hasty visit to the Peorias from here, and some family calls among those who still bear fruit to the work of dear Asa and Emeline Tuttle. From the Ottawas to the Wyandottes, brother George and wife in charge. This is a nice station, nice dwellings and surroundings. Everything seemed in good order. There is a great field of work here for the right person. If we get a meeting-house of our own here it should probably

be located across the river near the little town. The Government School gives Friends a very open door.

"From Wyandotte to the Senecas, the home of dear brother and sister Blackledge, experienced workers in the Lord's Vineyard, with real love for the Indians in their hearts. This is John Winnie's Meeting. Then to the Modocs. May God grant that as this tribe has been so wonderfully won for him, that nothing be now lost. I saw Hiram Blackledge there; he spoke wonderfully, with his Testament open in his hand.

"From the Senecas to the Skiatook School, Chilocco Government School, Oklahoma, and Choctaw Cities, and thence by Lizzie Test's mule-team to her Kickapoo Mission. Oh, the sweet and *blessed* influence of that place! From there to Monthly Meeting at Shawneetown, T. W. Alford, clerk; entertained by George and Ella Hartley. Also visited Tecumseh and Wolf Grove and the Government School. Then back to the Kickapoo Mission, and from there to the encampment of the wild band, who received us hospitably; a most interesting visit and I trust of profit."

When we think of Charles Bluejacket, John Winnie, Ida Johnston, and others who have come from heathen darkness into Christ's most marvellous light, we have great cause for thanksgiving. Let us, who profess to love the Lord Jesus, pray for these native Americans, that they may continue to shine for Christ.

The amount to be raised by the different Yearly Meetings is \$4,000. We recommend that \$525 be appropriated for the Executive Committee.

On behalf of the Committee,

MYRA E. FRYE.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 15th, 1895.

CONDENSED REPORT OF TREASURER OF COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS, 1894 AND 1895.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	\$ 5 31
Total from Monthly Meeting Treasurers	435 71
Received from Amesbury and Worcester Bible Schools . . .	12 75
Private Donation	65 35
	\$519 12

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Associated Executive Committee balance of	
Yearly Meeting apportionments	\$75 00
Paid for support of Missionaries in Indian Territory,	215 50
“ “ repairs on Mission House	50 00
“ on Wyandotte Meeting House	100 00
“ Expenses of delegates to Germantown . . .	20 00
Balance on hand	58 62
	\$519 12

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 12th, 1895.

Adjourned to meet in joint session on Second-day morning at ten o'clock.

SECOND-DAY MORNING, SIXTH MONTH 17TH.

The Meeting convened in joint session at the hour appointed.

33. This Meeting is brought into very loving sympathy with our dear sister, S. Jane Cox, whose earnest interest in the affairs of the church has been abundantly manifest, and of whose generous hospitality many of us have partaken. Our prayer for her found utterance at this time, that the God of all grace and consolation may be her support and her exceeding great reward. We commend to our dear sister the words of the apostle Peter in his first Epistle, Chapter 1, 3 to 7.

The Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of the foregoing minute.

34. Our sister, Susie Norris, presented at this session a minute from Cleveland Monthly Meeting, Ohio, expressing unity with her as a minister, and with her prospect of attending this Yearly Meeting.

John M. Watson was also present with us with a minute of unity from Bluejacket Monthly Meeting, Indian Territory, endorsed by Grand River Quarterly Meeting.

These Friends are welcome in our midst.

35. The epistle from Oregon Yearly Meeting was read.

36. The Nominating Committee presented the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Oak Grove Seminary, Gospel Work, Church Extension Board, and Foreign Missions. They have been severally considered and confirmed, and their names will appear under "Standing Committees" in the Minutes of this Yearly Meeting.

37. Harriette D. Collins was appointed a fraternal delegate to the Methodist Conference at Auburn, Maine.

38. The Yearly Meeting's Committee on Peace has presented its usual report, which has been read. This subject comes home to us with especial interest in view of the immense sacrifice of human life by war in different parts of the world, particularly in China, during the past year. There are, however, unmistakable signs of advancement in the cause of Peace, and we feel that the present is no time for relaxing our efforts in this cause.

The report was supplemented by the reading of the Annual report of the Peace Association of Friends in America.

A proposition was made to appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars for the use of the Peace Committee, which is referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Meeting also endorsed the petition presented by the Committee on Peace.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING : —

The cause of Peace and Arbitration is being now agitated as never before in the history of the world; and its sweet reasonableness commends itself to the wisdom and best judgment of citizens, soldiers, and statesmen alike. Peace literature exhibits a vigor and carries a weight unknown to it until these recent years.

This cause, which hitherto has failed to obtain the confidence of the statesmen of the world to any great extent, begins now to be treated by them with candor and respect.

They are indeed often ready to experiment with it and to test it in important disputes; and the results in general have been so great and so satisfactory to the parties and to the world that each instance of arbitration has been, in fact, a great campaign of education for mankind.

And this cause of causes is each year of this wonderful period in human history becoming rapidly the method of mankind in the adjustment of international disputes; yet cruel wars continue to be fought in Asia and America. But it is a delightful reflection, and for the credit of Christianity, that the greatest of these wars was not between Christian States.

It is, in this connection, a sad thought that the heathen have such inhuman and wicked examples of wars in the history of Christian nations, and that the dreadful instruments of destruction used by them were invented and made by Christian countries, with all the genius and skill which Christian civilization could furnish.

Christian States poison with opium and alcohol and continue to destroy these poor heathen in the East, and Indians in America, with every refinement of skill and mechanism of the nations who are called Christian. "For all this God will bring them into judgment."

The attempt to introduce the military drill into the public and private schools and colleges, at the very fountain-heads of education and of influence, poisoning the very-life blood of Christian society at its source, is a thing demanding the attention and protest of every person who loves his country and his race, or regards Divine justice and the moral government of this world.

And even more dangerous than this evil, and vastly more inconsistent and discouraging, is the attempt, in the assumed service of the Lord Jesus Christ, to establish boys' brigades and render attractive to children the glamour and tinselry of war, without depicting its barbarism, its cruelty, its horrors, and its uselessness.

Several lectures have been given within the limits of our Yearly Meeting in the interest of international arbitration and permanent peace during the year past, as well as Peace sermons and short addresses.

Attention has been given to the propagation of Peace principles in several of our Bible schools, in one of which public exercises were held on Peace Day (the third Sabbath in Twelfth Month), the day set apart by the Peace Societies of this world to be devoted to the interests of this reform.

Much literature has been distributed and personal work done. More would have been accomplished but for the very limited amount of money placed at our disposal.

Two members of your Committee attended the very interesting and instructive conference recently held at Lake Mohonk, New York, and took part in the exercises of that occasion, so profitable to the cause of Peace and Arbitration.

The subject was discussed there by many earnest and wise advocates of this and other moral reforms, some of whom are eminent as leaders in the movement. The practicability of instituting some system of arbitration in place of war was plainly set forth. Much was also said upon the importance of cultivating a public sentiment that will demand that the system of warfare cease, and reason be substituted for brute force.

Your Committee think that much good can be done by the circulation of true reports of such conferences, and by the publication of facts regarding the success of arbitration, the good which has followed its exercise, as contrasted with the havoc of war.

We wish to express now, as we have before, our appreciation of the work of the American Peace Society. We know of no better way to aid the cause than to increase the circulation of its paper, *The Advocate of Peace*. The great subject is discussed upon its pages with the dignity, candor, and breadth which its importance demands. The issue of the present month, containing the report of the Directors and an account of a public meeting recently held in Boston, is especially valuable. A service to our beloved country may be done by using such means as are thus put in our hands for cultivating a conciliatory, helpful, and ennobling spirit among the nations, and by seeking to counteract a desire which is too prevalent, to increase our armaments and assume a boastful and threatening attitude.

It is true that if all the denominations of christendom or its ministers protested against war, it would be instantly abolished outside of heathendom.

We do therefore heartily greet the efforts of Christians of all denominations who join in the following petition, viz :—

A PETITION TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE SEVERAL GOVERNMENTS OF THE
CHRISTIAN NATIONS OF THE WORLD.

GRACE, MERCY, AND PEACE.

We, in co-operation with other Christian bodies, humbly memorialize you, as the guardians of your people, in behalf of peaceful arbitration as a means of settling questions that arise between nations. The spectacle that is presented of Christian nations facing each other with heavy armaments, ready upon provocation to go to war and settle their differences by bloodshed or conquest, is, to say the least, a blot upon the fair name of Christian. We cannot contemplate without the deepest sorrow the horrors of war, involving the reckless sacrifice of human life, that should be held sacred, bitter distress in many households, the destruction of valuable property, the hindering of education and religion, and the general demoralizing of the people.

Moreover, the maintaining of a heavy war force, though war be averted, withdraws multitudes from their homes and the useful pursuits of peace, and imposes a heavy tax upon the people for its support.

And, further, let it be borne in mind that wars do not settle causes of dispute between nations on principles of right and justice, but upon the barbaric principle of the triumph of the strongest.

We are encouraged to urge this cause upon your consideration by the fact that much has already been accomplished; as, for example, by the arbitration of Geneva in the Alabama case, and by the deliberations of the American Conference at Washington, not to mention other important cases. It will be a happy day for the world when all international disputes find peaceful solutions; and this we earnestly seek.

As to the method of accomplishing this end, we make no suggestions, but leave that to your superior intelligence and wisdom in matters of State policy. We invoke upon rulers and people the richest blessings of the Prince of Peace.

And we, the Committee on Peace, hereby recommend to our Yearly Meeting to make its influence felt at once in this cause by joining with other Yearly Meetings and other religious denominations in this very important petition.

For the Committee,

AUGUSTINE JONES, *Chairman*.
SAMUEL BUFFUM, *Secretary*.

CONDENSED REPORT OF TREASURER OF COMMITTEE ON
PEACE.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, 1894	\$22 21	
Received from Monthly Meetings	57 87	
		\$80 08

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Hannah J. Bailey, for lectures	50 00	
Balance on hand		\$30 08

THOMAS WOOD, *Treasurer*.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 15th, 1895.

39. The Yearly Meetings Committee on Finance, through its Secretary, presented their report, showing in detail the work of the Envelope System, which is interesting, satisfactory, and encouraging : —

TO THE YEARLY MEETING : —

In presenting the Annual Report of the Envelope System of raising money, we are fully assured that it is gaining in favor and efficiency, and an increasing willingness and desire is manifest to practise proportionate and systematic giving, which promises much for the future success of our work.

The Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, New Bedford, Durham, China, and Dover have this year joined the ranks of contributors, while Windham, Lewiston, Unity, Maple Grove, and Sandwich, N. H., have withheld contributions, and Greenwich has forwarded nothing for two years past. The three Monthly Meetings of Boston, Westport, and Uxbridge have exceeded in their payments the quota allotted to them, while several others have made commendable efforts to reach the mark.

Eight Quarterly, three Monthly, and eight particular Meetings have been visited by the Secretary, in each of which Scriptural beneficence has been encouraged and instruction given as to the working of the system. It has been found to work best in those meetings where personal efforts have been made to interest the members by reminding them on the last Sabbath of each month of the offering to be taken the following week, and reporting to them, at least as often as every three months, the amount of money received.

Some Meetings succeed well in collecting the offerings during the Meeting for Worship on First day. In one Meeting care was taken to mail an envelope each to busy business men on the day before the offering was due, which served as a reminder to them, and it frequently was returned laden with material help.

We recommend that all Monthly Meetings arrange for their financial year to begin in the autumn, in order that the information and advices from the Yearly Meeting may be duly received by them through the Quarterly Meetings, and that the blank spaces for estimates of expenses in the Circular Letter be properly filled and the same distributed seasonably to each member, both male and female, who might be expected to aid the work.

The following is the tabulated statement:—

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE SEVERAL MONTHLY MEETINGS TOWARD THE
BENEVOLENT OBJECTS CARRIED ON BY THE YEARLY MEETING.

MONTHLY MEETINGS.	Gospel Work.	Foreign Missions.	Western Indians.	Freedmen.	Bible School Work.	Temperance.	Education.	Peace.	Totals.	Amount Called For.
RHODE ISLAND QUARTERLY MEETING.										
Rhode Island.	\$20 50	\$20 75	\$18 00	\$8 00	\$5 00	\$5 00	\$4 00	\$5 00	\$86 25	\$519 75
Greenwich....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	74 25
Swansea....	87 15	94 05	34 14	26 65	11 90	10 25	2 35	8 25	274 74	415 80
Providence....	13 00	49 00	50 00	60 00	8 50	17 00	5 00	5 00	207 50	415 80
S. Kingston...	-	11 50	-	-	-	-	-	-	11 50	59 40
SALEM QUARTERLY MEETING.										
Salem.....	\$120 80	\$150 12	\$67 65	\$35 15	\$22 15	\$19 25	\$5 38	\$12 19	\$432 69	\$643 95
Amesbury....	12 50	10 75	10 00	5 00	9 00	6 00	-	-	53 25	243 00
Weare.....	2 00	2 00	1 50	-	1 00	3 00	-	1 50	11 00	206 55
Boston.....	44 90	58 50	10 80	9 00	3 60	3 60	96	3 60	134 96	121 50
SANDWICH QUARTERLY MEETING.										
Sandwich, Ms.	\$5 00	\$27 00	\$36 00	\$22 00	\$5 00	-	-	\$5 00	\$100 00	\$202 50
Dartmouth....	4 34	-	6 91	2 82	1 00	\$5 25	\$1 00	-	21 32	135 00
Westport.....	15 00	20 00	20 00	10 00	10 00	9 00	-	5	89 00	81 00
New Bedford,	-	28 50	16 50	-	-	-	-	-	45 00	931 50
FALMOUTH QUARTERLY MEETING.										
Falmouth.....	\$21 61	\$6 81	\$22 46	\$4 56	\$8 07	\$3 00	-	-	\$66 51	\$252 45
Durham.....	6 00	1 00	-	25	-	-	-	-	7 25	143 43
Windham.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	120 48
Lewiston.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	57 37
SMITHFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING.										
Smithfield....	\$25 00	\$35 50	\$21 00	\$7 00	\$1 00	\$5 50	-	-	\$95 00	\$178 20
Uxbridge.....	54 00	108 50	80 00	28 00	6 50	6 50	\$2 00	\$6 00	291 50	182 25
Bolton.....	14 50	9 00	4 75	-	-	6 95	-	-	35 20	44 55
VASSALBORO QUARTERLY MEETING.										
Vassalboro...	\$9 25	\$1 00	\$3 00	\$1 00	\$1 25	\$1 77	-	-	\$17 27	\$185 62½
China.....	-	8 00	1 00	1 00	-	1 00	-	60	11 60	129 93½
Unity.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55 68
Maple Grove..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DOVER QUARTERLY MEETING.										
Dover.....	\$3 00	\$3 00	\$5 00	\$3 00	-	-	-	-	\$14 00	\$243 00
Berwick.....	10 00	10 00	10 00	-	-	-	-	\$5 00	35 00	162 00

FAIRFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING.

Sidney	\$5 00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$5 00	\$162 00
Winthrop	92 89	\$55 88	\$12 00	-	\$6 52	\$28 00	-	\$2 00	197 29	607 50
St. Albans.....	5 21	8 21	-	-	-	2 36	-	-	15 78	40 50

PARSONSFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING.

Sandw'h,N.H.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$45 00
Parsonsfeld...	\$58 50	\$5 00	\$5 00	-	-	\$5 00	-	-	\$73 50	90 00
Totals.....	\$630 15	\$724 07	\$435 71	\$223 43	\$100 49	\$138 43	\$20 69	\$59 14	\$2,332 11	\$6,750 00
Last year.....									1,365 87	
Increase.....									\$966 24	

For the Finance Committee,

P. S. AYDELOTT, *Secretary*.

40. The Committee on Temperance presented their report, showing that hard work had been done in this cause during the year.

This committee shall hereafter be known as the Yearly Meeting's Committee on the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

With deep gratitude to our loving Heavenly Father for his many mercies, and under whose all-seeing eye we have labored, we submit the following : —

The Superintendent of Literature has sent out fifteen thousand pages of leaflets, tracts, and papers, and in addition to this some members have distributed 10,912 pages of leaflets and tracts very profitably, we trust.

The Sabbath School for the most part continues to take up the temperance lessons.

In one quarter some work has been done in visiting the day schools and talking on the evils of intemperance.

In one city Friends united with the other churches in a series of Gospel Temperance Meetings, with good results.

Temperance Slides have been given to Arthur Swift, which have contributed greatly to the interest and efficiency of his work among the natives at Jamaica.

Superintendent of Lectures reports that fifty-four lectures and addresses have been given, and twelve sermons preached on the subject of temperance within the past year. Several public meetings have been held in the

interest of this work in the Eastern Quarters. Sixteen of the lectures were given by our friend Mary J. Weaver, of New York. Two were given by John G. Woolley, and the remaining one by members of your Committee and by W. C. T. U. workers. Some public meetings have been held or lectures given in each of the Quarters except one. Two lectures at our Yearly Meeting School at Vassalboro were given. There is a deepening interest in the subject of temperance, and the Committee feel encouraged.

Two hundred thousand saloons are striving to counteract the temperance efforts put forth in our country, and to destroy the souls and bodies of men, women, and children. While this is so, the Church must never furl the banner of total abstinence and prohibition. Let us be known to all the world as relentless in our efforts against this ungodly business, and we continue to emphasize that the sanctified heart will direct the hand the way that will, with God's blessing, help to stop this great evil.

In accordance with the recommendation of your Committee of last year, a memorial was prepared and signed by the Clerks, asking for a Commission of Inquiry to be appointed by Congress with regard to the effects of the liquor traffic on our national prosperity; also that other Yearly Meetings co-operate with us in this appeal. We are glad to say that a very general interest was manifested by other Yearly Meetings, and much interesting correspondence has resulted. We are also glad to state that after more than twenty-two years of constant efforts in this direction, the matter has been put into the hands of the Labor Commission, and we are very hopeful of results.

We request that the Yearly Meeting change the name of this Committee so that in the future it shall be known as the Committee on the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic.

In consideration of the terrible destruction of human happiness by the saloon, we would advise our members at all times to work in every legitimate way for its utter destruction, and especially so by the exercise of the franchise.

MARY H. ROBINSON, *Secretary*,

TREASURER'S REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	\$2 92
Received loan from Yearly Meeting Treasurer	50 00
“ loan from Monthly Meeting Treasurer	138 43
“ from Mary C. Baylies	1 00
“ from M. S. Paige, collection at East Lynn	5 34
“ from a member of the Committee	73 00
	\$270 69

EXPENDITURES.

Paid S. R. Buffinton, Treasurer Yearly Meeting, Loan . . .	\$50 00
“ on account of Lectures	187 75
“ on account of Literature	22 94
“ Lucy A. Snow, Travelling expenses	10 00
	\$270 69

Respectfully submitted,

ELISHA T. READ, *Treasurer.*

PORTLAND, SIXTH MONTH 17th, 1895.

NOTE. For a detailed statement of receipts from Monthly Meetings, see report of the Financial Secretary.

41. The Report of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor has been read, and is satisfactory. We are grateful for the earnest and effectual work that has been done by this organization, and bid them Godspeed in every good word and work.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

TO NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING:

Dear Friends, — As we close another year in our Christian Endeavor Union work, feelings of discouragement and satisfaction have struggled for the ascendancy. A brief review, however, of what has been accomplished stimulates our courage, and we exclaim from the heart, Surely the Lord has been with us, owning and crowning the service we have undertaken in His name.

Our membership, both active and associate, has increased thirteen and one half and sixty-five per cent, respectively, making a total of seven hundred and forty-seven active and two hundred and nineteen associate members. Seventeen of the associate have experienced conversion and become active, and thirty-nine of the active have joined Friends. This in the face of the fact that the number of societies has made no material increase is a very encouraging feature. The young people of at least three Friends' settlements unite with other denominations in Union Christian Endeavor work, their membership not being sufficiently large to support an organization of their own.

Definite work is now being accomplished in the interests of missions. All of our societies except five report contributions for the work amounting to about \$355, all of which has been appropriated to work among the Western Indians; Blue Ridge Mission and Ramallah have been aided in

some manner, the exact amount not known. Liberal aid has been given to home work. We rejoice in this combined effort to bring to the needy both temporal and spiritual aid.

The Junior Department of our work is rapidly developing and being greatly blessed. The number of societies has increased from three to ten, and the membership from fifty-five to one hundred and ninety-three. In the young is the hope of the future church, and we believe that the merest child is susceptible of Christian influence and training. May the dear Lord especially bless this work and give us an earnest desire and the ability to lead the children early to his feet.

While our Union has not accomplished what it is both our privilege and duty to do, we feel grateful to our Heavenly Father for what has been done, and trust the coming year will be blessed with greater consecrated effort among all our members.

Respectfully, for the Union,

LINDLEY M. BINFORD, *President*.

HARRIET E. MACLEAN, *Secretary*.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

SECOND-DAY AFTERNOON THE 17TH.

Friends convened pursuant to adjournment.

42. Epistles were read from Ohio, North Carolina, and Canada Yearly Meetings.

43. We have received official notification of the opening of California Yearly Meeting as follows: —

WHITTIER, CAL., 2D OF FOURTH MONTH, 1895.

TO NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING:

Dear Friends, — The Delegates appointed by the several Yearly Meetings of Friends to attend the opening of California Yearly Meeting met and organized at Whittier, Cal., on the 25th of Third Month, 1895, by the appointment of a Chairman and Secretary. We attended the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight on the day preceding the opening of the Yearly Meeting, and assisted in organizing the Yearly Meeting, on the 26th day of Third Month, 1895, by first calling the Meeting to order and reading the Minutes of Pasadena Quarterly Meeting embodying the original request of California Friends as presented to Iowa Yearly Meeting in 1892, and all the correspondence between Iowa Yearly Meeting and California Friends, represented by Pasadena Quarterly Meeting, up to and including the granting of the request by Iowa Yearly Meeting in 1894, with the unity and concurrence of ten of the Sister Yearly Meetings, all of

which were represented in this opening, save one, by delegates as follows:—

Iowa	Five delegates
Indiana	Two delegates
New England	Two delegates
New York	Two delegates
North Carolina	Two delegates
Ohio	Two delegates
Western	Two delegates
Kansas	Three delegates
Wilmington	Two delegates
Oregon	Three delegates

On completing the reading of the correspondence aforesaid, and the Minutes of Iowa Yearly Meeting authorizing the establishment of California Yearly Meeting, our Chairman proposed to California Friends to proceed with the further organization of the Meeting by the appointment of temporary officers, which was done, and the Meeting organized as we believe, in the spirit and power of the Lord. We attended all the various sessions thereof, which we think embrace nearly half their entire membership. The love of God was manifest in all their deliberations. A full gospel was preached, as we verily believe, by men and women of God, and the Holy Spirit manifested his living presence from day to day.

Our Chairman and Secretary are directed to sign this report and forward a copy of it to each of the Yearly Meetings.

MARY H. GODDARD, *Secretary*.

CYRUS BEEDE, *Chairman*.

Also have received verbal report from our Delegates to attend the opening of same meeting. We have also received and read the epistle of California Yearly Meeting.

44. The Committee on Education propose that a change be made in their construction of our statistical table, which, being approved, the change will appear in the blanks issued for the present year.

45. The Bible School Committee, through its Secretary, presented their annual report, together with tabulated statement and Treasurer's report.

The report is interesting and satisfactory. The nomination of a committee to have care of this work the coming year is referred to the Nominating Committee.

REPORT ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

TO NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS:—

Dear Friends,—Of all the different departments of work in which our Society is interested, that of the Bible Schools should claim our first and deepest interest and support, for this reason:

Because the Bible School is the foundation work on which the church is built, and our MISSIONARY, TEMPERANCE, PEACE, and ENDEAVOR SOCIETIES are the superstructures; it is the Bible School that furnishes the majority of workers for church work.

In comparing our statistical report we have fifty-six schools instead of fifty-eight as last year.

One of the schools omitted was evidently discouraged because of smallness of numbers: and has united with another Society. The other has not held any sessions for several months, yet we hope that this is only a temporary interruption of the work.

While some of our schools have increased their membership by one half, others have diminished in the same proportion; yet we have a membership of three thousand and seventy-two against two thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven last year, or an increase of one hundred and ninety-five.

There are five hundred and eighty-seven children in the Primary Department. The schools have contributed \$527.27 for missionary purposes.

THE MEMORY VERSE. These were sent out in the early fall, and have been learned by a number of our schools, with good results.

HOME DEPARTMENT OF BIBLE STUDY. We have four schools interested in this work, with a membership of over fifty; two of these classes have been formed within the past year. This work would be of great value to our schools if it could be taken up this coming year.

CONFERENCES. These have been held in several Quarterly Meetings. Some of these were all-day sessions, and were said to be very interesting and profitable. We hope that we shall have all-day sessions of Bible School conferences throughout the Yearly Meeting, arranged for and presided over by our Quarterly Meeting Superintendents. We solicit the interest and hearty co-operation of all our members in this work.

RECORDS. Our new record books have but recently been sent to our schools. We very much regret the necessary delay in having them printed, but trust that all our schools will pay close attention to keeping them for the remainder of the year.

LIBRARIES. We have helped two schools in obtaining books for their libraries in accordance with the offer made by the Superintendent of last year. If our finances will allow we shall be very glad to continue this offer to those schools that have but small or no libraries, provided they meet the necessary conditions.

A great deal of wisdom and discretion should be used in the selection

of our library books. There are obstacles to our having a book commission, but while so many of our members are very busy, it would not be a very difficult matter to call the attention of your Superintendent to a book when you have read it, and it seems especially adapted to our libraries.

Some of our schools might like the plan used by others; that is, of appropriating a certain sum of money, and expending it for books each month. If we could buy only two or three books a month, we should be constantly adding new books to our libraries, and thus make them more interesting.

A general conference was talked of last fall, but did not seem to be at all practicable, especially as we had but three dollars and ninety cents in the treasury.

VISITATION. Very little visiting has been done by the Superintendents for various reasons. Salem Quarterly Meeting has set a very good example for the rest to follow, in that they have appropriated a certain sum of money to defray the travelling expenses of their Superintendent, which will undoubtedly add to the efficiency of their work.

NORMAL COURSE STUDY. I hope that our schools will have classes formed for this normal study. A very good manual is that published in St. Louis, by W. J. Semelroth. It would not be difficult for the boys and girls to take this up with their other studies, and never in their lives will they be more willing to take up the Sabbath school work than in the early years of manhood and womanhood; consequently we should train them for it. Some of our schools are very much in need of workers; this seems to be the best solution of the problem.

One of our Superintendents wrote that he had a young lady in his school so desirous of teaching that she had asked him that she might have the privilege, and the verdict was, she is successful in her work. May we have more just such workers.

The Superintendents of Rhode Island, Salem, Sandwich, and Falmouth have sent reports of the work done in their Quarterly Meetings.

Some of these have visited schools in their districts, while others have taken an active part in the conferences. All speak of the interest manifested in these schools.

If any of our workers are disheartened, let me entreat you not to get discouraged, but to press onward.

"On, fellow laborers, onward go;
Wide scatter the precious grain.
Though the fruit may never be seen below,
Be sure the seed of the Word shall grow.
Go on in faith, and thou soon shalt know
Thy labor is not in vain."

M. L. CHACE,
Superintendent.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

Quarterly Meeting.	Location of School.	Local Superintendent's Name and Address.	Monthly Meeting.	Membership of School.	Average Attendance.	No. of Friends.	No. of Classes.	No. Evidencing Change of Heart During Year.	Is Religious Interest Increasing?	Are Teachers' Meetings Held?	Volumes in Library.	Books Added During Year.	Lesson Helps Used.	Kinds of Papers Used.	Number of Papers Distributed.	Temperance Lesson.	Pace Lessons.	Is Children's Day Observed?	Months of School.
Rhode Island.	Portsmouth	John B. Cornell, Portsmouth, R. I.	Rhode Island ..	47	22 ⁵ / ₁₆	33	5	-	-	No	401	1	B	2	-	4	-	No	12
	Newport	Anna B. Macomber, 59 Fairwell, Newport, R. I.,	Rhode Island ..	67	39 ¹ / ₁₆	19	4	-	-	No	242	1	I, H	2	-	3	1	No	12
	Saylesville	Joseph H. Atwater, 116 Pine, Providence, R. I.,	Providence	75	45	33	6	Yes	Yes	No	150	10	C, E	5	-	12	4	No	12
	Providence	Robert P. Gifford, Providence, R. I.	Providence	18	15	18	2	-	-	No	100	-	C, E	1	-	-	-	Yes	9
	Somerset	G. Mahlon Chase, Fall River, Mass., Box 353...	Swansea	68	52	68	9	-	-	No	298	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	12
	Fall River	Herbert A. Skinner, Fall River, Mass.	Swansea	96	56 ¹ / ₁₆	57	10	-	-	-	307	7	B, D, G	5	-	4	-	-	12
	East Greenwich..	Lydia E. Drelakwater, E. Greenwich, R. I.	E. Greenwich..	16	10	8	2	-	-	-	132	-	A	1	-	-	-	-	12
	Totals			387	229 ¹ / ₁₆	218	1	-	-	-	1630	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salem.	Amesbury	Daniel C. Maxfield, 12 R. R. Ave., Amesbury	Amesbury	58	37 ³ / ₁₆	56	5	Yes	Yes	No	225	-	A, B	5	-	4	-	-	12
	Boston	Thomas Wood, 215 State St., Boston, Mass.	Boston	74	43	37	7	Yes	Yes	Weekly	230	30	B	3	-	4	-	-	12
	East Lynn	Chas. E. Bishop, 40 Ireson Ave., Lynn, Mass.	Salem	163	101	35	15	Yes	Yes	Very Seldom	350	60	-	2	-	4	Yes	-	12
	Henniker	Nathan P. Buxton, Henniker, N. H.	Salem	19	9	19	3	-	-	-	150	-	-	1	-	4	-	-	12
	Lawrence	Stephen Swett, Haverhill, Mass.	Boston	89	70	-	7	-	-	Monthly	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
	Lowell	Charles Kelley, Lowell, Mass.	Boston	7	6	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
	Lynn	George C. Herbert, Lynn, Mass.	Salem	128	75 ³ / ₁₆	28	12	-	-	Occasionally	850	-	B	3	-	4	-	Yes	12
	North Ware	Harriet N. Jones, North Ware, N. H.	Ware	34	16	31	1	Yes	-	-	513	Yes	-	1	-	4	Yes	-	12
	Salem	George H. Jones, 55 Highland Ave., Salem	Ware	25	19	24	4	-	-	-	88	None	B	2	-	-	-	-	12
	South Pittsfield ..	A. N. Peaslee, So. Pittsfield, N. H.	Amesbury	30	-	9	4	-	-	-	163	None	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	West Epping	Moses O. Nichols, West Epping, N. H.	Amesbury	12	8	12	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Totals			639	378 ³ / ₁₆	304	-	-	-	-	2569	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Allen's Neck.....	Henry A. Allen, Dartmouth, Mass.....	Dartmouth.....	102	47	35	10	-	Yes	One Monthly	-	543	-	30	B	2	-	-	12
Mattapoisett.....	Joshua L. Macomber, East Mattapoisett.....	New Bedford ..	25	16	8	3	-	-	No	-	5	-	-	-	5	-	9	
Smith's Neck.....	Edridge L. Faunce, So. Dartmouth.....	Dartmouth.....	77	28	18	8	-	Yes	No	12	-	12	II	No	3	-	10	
Central Village.....	Samuel H. Macomber, Central Village.....	Westport.....	47	34	35	5	-	-	No	4	-	4	-	1	-	4	11	
Wayside Mission.....	Mary E. Gifford, Central Village, Mass.....	Westport.....	50	24	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Long Plain.....	Richard Davis, Long Plain.....	New Bedford ..	30	17	27	3	-	-	-	-	384	-	12	A	3	4	12	
Acushnet.....	Adelaide V. Willour, Acushnet, Mass.....	New Bedford ..	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
New Bedford.....	Nathaniel W. Gifford, New Bedford, Mass.....	New Bedford ..	157	67	12	13	-	-	-	-	489	-	64	C, B	2	4	9	
	Totals.....	.....	500	233	135	-	-	-	-	-	1416	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Casco.....	S. A. Hall, Casco, Me.....	Windham.....	15	10	11	2	-	-	-	-	74	-	2	B, A	4	-	12	
Deering.....	Wm. I. Hacker, Westbrook, Me.....	Falmouth.....	32	16	30	3	-	Yes	No	-	194	-	10	B, C	-	3	12	
East Durham.....	Mahlon D. Goddard, Lisbon Falls, Me.....	Durham.....	63	40	33	5	-	Yes	No	-	225	-	25	B	3	4	12	
Lewiston.....	J. F. Richardson, 68 Wood St., Lewiston.....	Lewiston.....	95	50	46	11	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	12	
Portland.....	Fred C. Dearborn, 44 Winter St., Portland.....	Falmouth.....	81	50	53	7	-	Yes	No	-	282	-	43	A, G	-	-	12	
South Durham.....	Henry M. Snow, South Durham, Me.....	Durham.....	73	37	50	7	-	Yes	Weekly	-	137	-	21	B	Yes	4	12	
Windham.....	Lucy A. Hawkes, Windham.....	Windham.....	42	23	29	4	-	Yes	No	-	297	-	22	B, A	3	-	12	
	Totals.....	.....	401	227	252	-	-	-	-	-	1209	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Bolton.....	Alfred Dow, Bolton, Mass.....	Bolton.....	81	36	55	7	-	Yes	No	-	316	-	41	A, B	4	-	12	
West Mansfield.....	Bible Class.....	Woonsocket.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	
Northbridge.....	Salome C. Wheeler, Uxbridge, Mass.....	Uxbridge.....	16	-	4	3	-	-	No	-	150	-	-	A	4	4	12	
Worcester.....	D. M. Babcock, 17 Sudbury St., Worcester, Mass.....	Uxbridge.....	64	35	27	5	-	Yes	No	-	325	-	-	A, B	4	-	12	
Woonsocket.....	James S. Read, Woonsocket, R. I.....	Smithfield.....	183	100	39	11	-	Yes	Weekly	-	575	-	45	A	3	-	12	
	Totals.....	.....	344	171	125	-	-	-	-	-	1366	-	-	-	-	-	-	
China.....	Geo. E. Roberts, China, Me.....	China.....	34	22	27	4	-	Yes	-	-	46	-	-	B	-	-	1	
East Vassalboro.....	Allen W. Pinkham, Lamb's Cor., E. Vassalboro, Vt.....	Vassalboro ..	43	24	41	4	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	B	-	4	12	
Maple Grove.....	J. W. Plummer, Fort Fairfield, Me.....	Unity.....	18	-	13	3	-	No	-	-	-	-	-	B	-	-	12	
South China.....	Emma Plaisted, South China, Me.....	China.....	48	35	35	6	-	No	-	-	250	-	-	II	-	-	12	
Unity.....	Etta M. Varney, Unity, Me.....	Unity.....	31	21	25	3	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	II	4	-	6	
West China.....	C. A. Pinkham, China, Me.....	West China.....	26	14	24	3	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	
	Totals.....	.....	200	116	165	-	-	-	-	-	296	-	-	-	-	-	-	

STATISTICAL REPORT. — Continued.

Quarterly Meeting.	Location of School.	Local Superintendent's Name and Address.	Monthly Meeting.	Membership of School.	Average Attendance.	No. of Friends.	No. of Classes.	No. Evidencing Change of Heart During Year.	Is Religious Interest Increasing?	Are Teachers' Meetings Held?	Volumes in Library.	Books Added During Year.	Lesson Helps Used.	Kinds of Papers Used.	Number of Papers Distributed.	Temperance Lessons.	Peace Lessons.	Is Children's Day Observed?	Months of School.
Dover.	Dover	Clarence I. Pinkham, Dover, N. H.	Dover	31	15	2	2	—	Yes	—	250	—	B	—	—	1	1	No	12
	Gonic	Daniel F. Jenness, Dover, N. H.	Dover	33	21½	22	4	—	—	No	167	28	B	1	—	4	—	—	12
	N. Berwick	Wm. T. Hussey, N. Berwick, Me.	Berwick	19	16	11	1	—	—	—	—	—	A, B, C	—	—	—	—	—	12
	Mendeboro', Rochester, ...	Ell Mander, Rochester.	Dover	55	17	6	4	—	Yes	No	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
	Totals .....	.....	.....	130	59½	39	—	—	—	—	417	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fairfield.	Augusta	James Plummer, 11 South Chestnut St., Augusta, ...	Winthrop	70	25	9	6	—	Yes	No	—	—	B	3	—	4	—	—	12
	Hallowell	A. F. Morse, Hallowell, Me.	Winthrop	56	31	22	4	—	Yes	No	60	45	B	1	—	4	4	—	12
	Manchester	A. W. Hawkes, Manchester, Me.	Winthrop	45	26½	22	5	—	Yes	No	150	—	B	—	—	3	1	Yes	12
	North Fairfield	Geo. B. Wing, North Fairfield, Me.	Sidney	33	19	11	4	—	Yes	No	250	—	B	—	—	—	—	—	12
	Centre Sidney	Sarah E. Shepherd, Centre Sidney	Sidney	141	83	65	11	—	—	Weekly	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	St. Albans	Jesse W. Chandler, St. Albans, Me.	St. Albans	32	22	14	5	—	Yes	—	—	—	B	4	—	4	—	—	12
	Winthrop Centre	C. I. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Me.	Winthrop	377	206½	143	—	—	Yes	—	460	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	West Gardiner	John Pinkham, West Gardiner.	Winthrop .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Parsonsfield.	East Parsonsfield, North Sandwich	Silas H. Cartland, East Parsonsfield	Parsonsfield	46	30	40	5	—	Yes	No	200	3	A	4	—	4	2	—	12
	.....	Cornelius Turner, North Sandwich	Sandwich	47	27	28	3	—	Yes	No	142	—	A	2	—	3	—	—	12
	56 schools report, ...	Totals .....	.....	93	57	—	—	—	—	—	402	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		Total membership .....	.....	3072	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Key to Lesson Helps: A, Friends Quarterly. B, Peloubet's. C, Sunday School Times. D, Sunday School Journal. E, Scholar's Magazine. F, Lesson Cards. G, Intermediate 2, Mrs. Kennedy. H, David Cook's Publications. I, Berean Senior Quarterly.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE SCHOOLS
FOR NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS.

RECEIPTS.

Cash received from former Treasurer	\$84 90
Contributions from Monthly Meetings	100 49
“ “ Bible Schools	11 98
	\$197 37

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Committee on Freedmen for Maryville School	\$75 00
“ printing and stationery	10 00
“ 124 Record Books	49 60
“ books for Bible Schools at Windham, Me.	10 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ Lisbon Falls, Me.	8 00
“ postage	3 68
“ sundry small expenses of the Committee	1 50
Balance now on hand	39 59
	\$197 37

MARIANNA GIFFORD, *Treasurer.*

FALL RIVER, MASS., Sixth Month 14th, 1892.

46. The committee to whom was intrusted the application of the income of H. H. Mosher Fund have presented their report, which is satisfactory.

The nomination of a new committee is referred to the Nominating Committee.

47. The trustees of the above fund presented their report, which is approved, viz. : —

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MOSHER FUND.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The funds in our hands are as follows :

City of Boston registered 5% (gold) bond	\$10,000 00
New Bedford Institution for Savings deposit	1,078 65
Lynn Institution for Savings deposit	2,736 80
	\$13,815 45

We have received five hundred dollars interest on the City of Boston Bond, and have paid the same to J. E. Paige, Treasurer of the Committee, to disburse the income of this fund.

For the Trustees,

OWEN DAME.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 15th, 1895.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INCOME OF MOSHER FUND.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

Your Committee report that two hundred copies of an address by James Wood, entitled "The Society of Friends and its Mission," have been distributed. More than three hundred copies of the "American Friend" have been subscribed for. Two hundred and eight copies of "The Present Tenses of the Blessed Life," a small volume by F. B. Meyer, have been purchased.

Fifty-eight copies of a "History of the Society of Friends in America," by Allen C. and Richard H. Thomas, have been bought.

One hundred copies of a work by Fernando G. Cartland, now in the hands of the publisher, have been arranged for; the book relates to the sufferings of Friends in our late Civil War.

SARAH MARBLE, *Secretary.*

PORTLAND, ME., Sixth Month 13th, 1895.

H. H. MOSHER FUND.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hand from last year's account	.	.	\$190 21	
Received from Trustees	.	.	500 00	
				<u>\$690 21</u>

PAYMENTS.

309 copies of "American Friend"	.	.	.	\$339 57	
200 " " "Society of Friends and its Mission,"					
with postage on same	.	.	.	9 40	
200 copies of "Present Tenses of the Blessed Life,"					
with expenses on same	.	.	.	67 05	
8 copies of "Future Tenses of Blessed Life" (for					
examination by Committee)	.	.	.	3 00	
58 copies of "History of Friends" (with postage)				42 91	
Advanced to F. G. Cartland for 100 copies of					
"Southern Heroes," to be delivered when issued				200 00	
Sundry items of expenses by members of Committee,				5 97	
					<u>\$667 90</u>
					<u>\$22 31</u>

JOHN ELWOOD PAIGE, *Treasurer.*

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 17th, 1895.

48. The Committee on Freedmen presented their report, including that of the Principal of Maryville Institute, which is approved. Like other efforts for the promotion of the cause of humanity, this institution is feeling the pressure of the times, and it is the conclusion of the Meeting to advance the sum of one thousand dollars by a loan to the Committee.

The request for an appropriation for five hundred dollars is referred to the Finance Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

Our interests at Maryville continue the same as last year, except the situation has become more serious in the additional financial obligations which have been incurred.

The attendance has again been much larger than the accommodations are equal to.

We have abundant evidence of Christian grace prevailing in the home influences of the school, and we desire most earnestly that the Yearly Meeting will take such action this year as will secure to our brethren of the South the continued Christian advantages of this institution.

ROBERT P. GIFFORD, *Secretary*.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Yearly Meeting Bible School Committee	.	.	\$75 00
Three Friends at Yearly Meeting, 1894	.	.	135 00
Other donations	.	.	9 53
From Yearly Meeting appropriation	.	.	500 00
Contributions from Monthly Meetings	.	.	223 43
Augustine Jones, Trustee George Sturge Fund	.	.	1,480 69
" " " H. C. Camp Fund	.	.	57 23
" " " B. F. Knowles Fund	.	.	13 57
			————— \$2,494 45

EXPENDITURES.

Paid L. H. Garner, Principal, on wages account	.	\$1,013 76
" for aid to students from George Sturge Fund,		
Fall Term	.	297 19
Paid for aid to students from George Sturge Fund,		
Spring Term	.	1,183 50
		————— \$2,494 45

For the Committee,

ROBERT P. GIFFORD, *Treasurer*.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FREEDMEN'S NORMAL INSTITUTE,
MARYVILLE, TENN., FOR THE YEAR 1894-95.

Number of days taught	190
Number enrolled	253
Per cent of attendance	83
Number of boarders in the building	76
Number of teachers in the training class	109
Number graduating in the Elementary Course	11

In making our Annual Report to the Yearly Meeting, we desire to acknowledge the protecting care of our Heavenly Father, whose guidance has been felt in every department of our work; and we pray that we may enter upon the coming year's work with greater zeal, realizing that with God's abiding presence and blessing the best success may be attained.

L. H. GARNER, *Principal*.

49. The report of the Trustees of the George Sturge, Benj. F. Knowles, and Henry Camp Funds was read and approved.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GEORGE
STURGE, BENJAMIN F. KNOWLES, AND HENRY CAMP
FUNDS.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

GEORGE STURGE FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	\$17 40
Coupons paid Ninth Month, 1894	727 50
“ “ Second Month 2d, 1895	727 50
Interest on Deposits	15 12
	\$1,487 52

EXPENDITURES.

Assisting Students, Fall Term, 1894	\$297 19
“ “ Spring Term, 1895	1,183 50
Balance for new account	6 83
	\$1,487 52

BENJAMIN F. KNOWLES FUND.

RECEIPTS.

To dividend 57, Willimantic Linen Company	\$4 50
“ 58, Willimantic Linen Company	4 50
	\$9 00

EXPENDITURES.

Sixth Month 7th, 1895. Paid Freedmen's Committee	9 00
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HENRY CAMP FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$7 23
Interest on Mortgage for \$1,000	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	60 00
								\$67 23

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Committee on Freedmen, Second Month 2d, 1895	.	.	\$30 00
“ “ “ Fifth Month 29th, 1895	.	.	27 23
Box in Rhode Island Safe Deposit	.	.	10 00
			\$67 23

On behalf of the Trustees,

SAMUEL R. BUFFINTON.
AUGUSTINE JONES.

50. Epistles were read from our Friends of Wilmington, Baltimore, and Western Yearly Meetings. We have enjoyed these tokens of love and sympathy.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

THIRD-DAY MORNING, SIXTH MONTH 18TH.

The meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

51. Epistles from Indiana, Iowa, and Kansas Yearly Meetings have been acceptably read.

52. The request received from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting is referred to the Representatives in attendance at this Meeting.

53. The request from Dover Quarterly Meeting is referred to the same body.

54. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting proposes that in First and Fourth Months the Meeting shall convene at 11 A. M. instead of 11.30, as at present.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting asks that this Meeting be held in Ninth Month at Winthrop, instead of St. Albans as at present.

Both requests were united with by the Meeting.

55. The Minute No. 68 of last year was now considered, and the Meeting was fully united in adopting this minute as a part of our Discipline.

It was suggested that this portion be printed on slips, to be inserted in our Book of Discipline. The Clerk was directed to cause two thousand copies to be printed, and call on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the amount requisite to defray the expense.

56. The names of the following Friends were received from the Nominating Committee to form a Committee on the Care of the Western Indians: William O. Newhall, Augustine Jones, and others.

On Peace, Benjamin F. Trueblood, Thomas Wood, and others.

For the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic, Joseph Atwater, Lonisa N. Meader, and others.

They are appointed to the services.

57. The Meeting now entered upon the consideration of the state of society as developed in the answers to the queries.

The answers are as follows: —

SUMMARY.

1. All our meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held, except some of the meetings at Nantucket, fifty-nine in other places, and a few other exceptions noted, but the number not given.

Meetings on First day are duly attended, and nearly at the hour appointed, by most of our members. The mid-week meetings continue to be neglected by many; but from two of these an increased attendance is reported.

2. Nearly all our Quarterly Meetings report some exceptions in regard to the maintenance of love and unity, and that detraction is not sufficiently guarded against. Care is taken to end differences, when they appear, but it is not always extended as timely as would be best.

3. Friends are generally careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and to train their children and others under their care in accordance with our Christian profession.

4. Most Friends read the Holy Scriptures individually as well as collectively in their families, and encourage their children and others in the daily practice of this religious duty.

Our testimony to a free gospel ministry is maintained, with a few exceptions.

5. With twenty-four exceptions, Friends abstain from use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

Nearly clear in regard to amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character.

6. The circumstances of the poor receive due attention, and care is taken to educate their children.

7. With few exceptions, clear as to military matters and oaths. Clear as to defrauding the public revenue.

8. We think Friends, with few exceptions, are careful to inspect their affairs and to settle their accounts. Some exceptions noted as to the fulfillment of promises and payment of debts.

Generally careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9. Careful as to records. Not quite clear as to certificates.

10. The discipline, when administered, has been in Christian tenderness, but not always as timely as would be best.

MINUTE ON THE STATE OF SOCIETY.

In waiting upon the Lord, the people renew their strength. This blessed communion is not confined to time or place, but as we prayerfully gather together for worship, His promise is fulfilled, to be in the midst. Precious unfoldings of the truth are given to the souls thus shut in with God, sometimes intended for the comfort and instruction of the individual, sometimes to be shared with others around.

In the busy, restless age in which we live we cannot afford to lose the strength which comes in thus leaving the cares of the world for a season, and communing with the Lord. "No man liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself." It is impossible to measure our influence for good or evil. The circle may widen until the wave set in motion by our actions may reach the shores of the Haven of Rest, or some poor wanderer may, by our inconsistencies, be turned from the way of life.

In this day when the Christian churches are pulsing with interest in the subject of Peace, it is incumbent upon Friends to maintain the high standard upheld by our ancestors. The thought of the brotherhood of man, and the principles of Christian forbearance, still need to be prominently asserted.

While thankful for the favorable circumstances surrounding us, and the Christian training of godly parents, we should be patient with the erring ones who have but stumbled in the path which we, in our weakness, have trodden.

Let no disparaging word be heard against the character of any one, but in loving, prayerful effort may we seek to bring the wanderers to Christ. God will hear and answer prayer, and give to us those for whose salvation we so earnestly yearn. Be not discouraged by apparent failures; the question is not, must a man fall, but whether he will rise again.

The work of the church is twofold,—to bring in converts, and to build up Christian character. "Take this child away and nurse it for me," is the message of the Spirit today, and as she fulfills her mission God will give His blessing. Filled with the spirit of her Lord, she will seek the lost and with patience and meekness strive to raise them, and build them up in the most holy faith.

Immortal interests are in the hands of those who know the Lord. See to it that all are faithful in doing "with their might, what their hands find to do," so that when the home calls shall be sounded, they can say, "Here am I with the children whom thou hast given me."

Adjourned to meet in joint session this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

THIRD-DAY AFTERNOON, SIXTH MONTH 18TH.

The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

58. Quarterly Meetings were requested to appoint the Superintendents for their Bible Schools.

59. They were also requested to appoint the Yearly Meeting's Finance Committee.

60. The Representative Meeting records of last year's work were read and the action of the Meeting approved.

61. They report that the subject of the advisability of a revision and reprint of our Book of Discipline claimed their attention, but no way seemed to open for that service at present.

62. The bequests of Eleanor Cattell and Christopher Wray have been received, and appropriated according to the wills of the donors. The bequest of Sarah H. Henly has not yet been received and is referred to the care of the next Representative Meeting.

63. The subject of building a vault at Friends' School for the better preservation of records is also referred to the next Representative Meeting.

64. The Representatives to whom was referred the request of Dover Quarterly Meeting presented the following, which was accepted by the Meeting, viz : —

Letters of recommendation from other denominations may be received as requests for membership, and Monthly Meetings have the privilege of granting letters of recommendation to other denominations for any of our members who give evidence of having been born again, and who are leading consistent Christian lives, who wish to unite themselves with other bodies of Christians.

65. In regard to the request from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, they report that they could not see the advisability of adopting this proposition.

They, however, recommend that the following paragraphs should be inserted in our Book of Discipline immediately following that part of the Discipline adopted by the Yearly Meeting at the morning session, Sixth Month 18th, 1895.

The important subjects claimed the serious consideration of the Meeting, and were united with, and directed to be placed as proposed in our Book of Discipline for present action. The Clerk is directed to have slips printed embracing these subjects, to be inserted as proposed.

1. It is the conclusion of this Meeting that if any of our members, either by practice or teaching, advocate the outward rite of Baptism or of the Lord's Supper they shall not be appointed to any official position in their respective Meetings while they continue such practice or teaching.

2. Any member who persists in advocating doctrines contrary to the teaching of our Discipline, after proper labor bestowed, should be disowned.

66. They also presented the names of the following Friends to serve as a Representative Meeting this year, with which this Meeting unites.

The names will be found under "Standing Committees."

67. The Nominating Committee presented the names of Friends to serve on the Bible School Committee, whose names will appear under "Standing Committees."

68. Superintendent of Bible Schools, Mary L. Chase.

69. An appropriation of \$25 was asked to pay for printing reports of Oskaloosa Educational Conference, which was referred to Finance Committee.

Adjourned to meet in separate session to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

FOURTH-DAY MORNING, SIXTH MONTH 19TH.

The Meeting assembled in separate session pursuant to adjournment.

70. The Auditors presented their report, which is satisfactory. We approve of the recommendation that the sum named, two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) be raised for the use of the Meeting, and Quarterly Meetings are hereby directed to pay

their respective proportion of said sum to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting on or before the first of Fifth Month next.

We also appoint Samuel R. Buffinton for Treasurer of this meeting, James H. Chace for Treasurer of Providence Friends' School Funds, and Joseph E. Briggs for Treasurer of Oak Grove Seminary ; Women's Meeting concurring.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING : —

RECEIPTS.

Balance last year	\$1,160 46
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting	550 00
Salem Quarterly Meeting	450 00
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting	500 00
Falmouth Quarterly Meeting	212 50
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting	150 00
Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting	137 50
Dover Quarterly Meeting	150 00
Fairfield Quarterly Meeting	300 00
Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting	50 00
Loans by notes on demand	3,000 00
Sales of " Book of Discipline "	15 30
Dividends and interest	84 24
Temperance Committee returned loan	50 00
Peace Committee returned loan	50 00
	————— \$6,860 00

EXPENDITURES.

Yearly Meeting Expenses	\$399 50
Paid rent of Safe Deposit Box	5 00
“ interest on Oak Grove Note	75 00
“ principal account (Oak Grove Note)	500 00
(Balance due on note \$1,000.)	
Paid Committee on Freedmen	500 00
“ “ “ Western Indians	525 00
“ printing, stationery, and copying	556 93
“ interest on loans	36 06
Loans returned	3,000 00
Paid Finance Committee	40 00
“ Temperance Committee Loan	50 00
“ Peace Committee Loan	50 00
Balance in Treasurer's hands	1,122 51
	————— \$6,860 00

71. It is the conclusion of this Meeting that in future the Finance Committee shall report to the Yearly Meeting the sum to be raised for its use each year, and also a list of the amounts called for by the respective committees for their use.

The Committee on Returning Minutes presented the following for Seneca H. Stevens: "Seneca H. Stevens acceptably attended this Meeting"; and recommended that similar ones be furnished to Ellison R. Purdy, Fernando G. Cartland, Susie Norris, David J. Lewis, Peter W. Raidabaugh, Silas F. Strout, Lindley A. Wells, Barclay Jones, John M. Watson, and John Henry Douglass.

The minute is approved by this and the Women's Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to furnish each of the above with a copy signed on our behalf.

73. The Committee on Nominations presented names for a Committee on the Distribution of the Mosher Fund, whose names will appear under "Standing Committee."

The report was approved, with the concurrence of Women Friends.

74. The answers to the queries of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, together with a minute of that Meeting, have been read, viz. : —

ANSWERS TO THE QUERIES OF THE MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

1. With some exceptions we are diligent in attending our meetings for worship and discipline, and careful to promote the attendance of our families.

2. With a few exceptions, we are in unity one with another and with the Meetings to which we belong, and favored to harmonize in our Christian labors.

3. Friends are engaged frequently in searching the Holy Scriptures, prayerfully seeking a right understanding of their contents under the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit, and are careful not to misquote or misapply them.

MINUTE FROM THE MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVER-SIGHT.

We have been impressed at this time that every individual member who has received any gift is a debtor to those about him, and that the work in the Lord's vineyard not only requires diligence but practical application of the use of every talent. It is not the ministry of one set type or of a fixed range that is wanted, but the great variety of character and nature in the world requires a great variety in the presentation of the truth.

We need to keep ourselves true and warm, working from the heart, and then we shall be instruments for the salvation of men. Every member should go to meeting, saying, "Lord, what wilt thou have me do?" More earnestness is needed in these days in urging every member of the family to attend the meetings for worship, and in emphasizing the truth that individual private worship is not enough for the maintenance of strong spiritual life and power. We need the helpful influence and strength which come from the meeting together of God's children and the faithful exercise of gifts in the public assembly, and the children should especially be brought to the house of worship.

The day has not gone by when the Master says, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." It is a universal command for the ages, and all things necessary will be provided for the servants of the Master's choice.

A church that is powerful in the earth is made up of living members, each one waiting reverently to find his service, and performing it with gladness and fidelity, whether it be in business occupation, in the home, or in the definite lines of religious service. The practical work of the church is to catch men, as it was of the first apostles, and every place in the Yearly Meeting ought to be a birthplace of souls. The small and slowly dying meetings will soon begin to grow and widen their range of influence when the few who are left in them realize what they can do through the power of the living God; and it becomes every Christian to hold on in faith and to help extend the Kingdom of God, and when the new members are added they should be hailed with joy, as a new child is welcomed into the family. It requires hard work to bring men to Christ, but it is the highest and noblest occupation that any person can engage in.

When we are thoroughly alive and are doing the work to which we are called, the world will soon know where we stand and what we believe. Not only right feeling, but right thinking and right doing are necessary.

The ministry ought to be as high as God has put it; everything else is secondary. There is something infinitely more important than to make a good living. Every one of our meetings ought to have active preaching of the gospel from year's end to year's end. The work of building up believers in their spiritual life, and of the salvation of souls, should be uninterrupted and definite. In every healthy organized meeting there will be a specialized ministry working in perfect harmony with the ministry and exercise of the whole body.

The Eldership is not simply an empty position of honor, but the Elders should take an active part in carrying on the spiritual work of the church. No Friend's meeting ought to be dependent for its existence on the attendance of any one minister or any number of ministers. The meeting should always be self-sustaining under the Divine help, and the Elders and the overseers ought to be men and women of spiritual power, and active workers so that they can bear their share in the real work of the church. A Friend in the life ought to be as movable under the Spirit as this great atmosphere is under the sunlight. The church must learn to fish for men as a unit, all laying hold in their place to make the great work a success, combining efforts to a central purpose.

Every Christian should contribute something, his best, to the service of Christ. We want organization for efficient work, but not in any sense to limit the Holy Spirit. The minister should speak with a real experience of the struggles and trials of life, and, while raising the ministry to its highest efficiency, we shall be careful not to make the distance between the ministry and the people too great.

RUFUS M. JONES, *Clerk.*

75. The Committee on Finance for 1895 and 1896 recommend the following appropriations from the Treasury of the Yearly Meeting, viz.:—

For Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs . . .	\$525 00
Principal and Interest on Oak Grove Note . . .	550 00
Freedmen (Maryville Institute)	500 00
Printing reports of Oskaloosa Iowa Educational Conference . . .	25 00
Toward payment of note on Portland Meeting-house . . .	250 00
Expenses of Finance Committee	25 00
	\$1,875 00

which report is approved by this and the Women's Meeting.

Adjourned to meet in joint session at 2.30 P. M.

FOURTH-DAY AFTERNOON, SIXTH MONTH 19TH.

The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

76. The following Committee has been appointed to make all necessary arrangements for holding religious meetings during the session of our next Yearly Meeting, as way may open. They are also requested to propose times and places for the various committees to meet, which are now or may be then under appointment, viz.:—

For One Year.

John A. Macomber,
Mary L. Cobb,

James M. Estes,
Elisha T. Read.

For Two Years.

Thomas Wood,
Almira B. Buffum,

Lewis M. Douglass,
Myra E. Frye.

For Three Years.

Samuel R. Buffinton,
Susan Peckham,

Robert P. Gifford,
Hannah J. Bailey.

77. The following minute was received from the Women's Meeting and fully united with: —

The Meeting was united in proposing that the Yearly Meeting of 1896 be held in separate sessions on Fourth-day morning.

Taken from the Minutes,

R. S. MURRAY, *Clerk.*

78. An epistle to our friends in Ramallah was read and approved. The reading of this letter brought our distant friends very near to us, as well as the presence of our dear brother and sister, Charles M. and Ellen Jones, who are soon to go out to labor in Bible lands.

A season of prayer followed, in which our friends were liberated by the church to the service to which they feel called. We trust that He who sends out His messengers may fulfill His promise and go before them, strengthening them in their labor of love.

79. The Committee on correspondence presented drafts of epistles to our friends of London and Dublin Yearly Meetings, also an epistle directed to all the Yearly Meetings on the American continent. They were read and approved.

They also furnished copies of letters to the young people, to the children of New England Yearly Meeting, and to the sick and afflicted, which were approved, and the Clerks were directed to sign all the essays and forward as proposed. Copies of the three latter epistles are to be printed and circulated within the limits of our Yearly Meeting.

80. It was directed that two thousand six hundred copies of our Minutes be printed, and the Clerks are authorized to attend to

the same, and Almira B. Buffum and J. Ellwood Paige are appointed to assist them.

81. Quarterly Meetings are directed to send up one set of answers to the queries to the Yearly Meeting next year.

82. It was requested that the Clerk should call special attention of the Monthly Meetings to certain portions of the Minutes which might be helpful to the Subordinate Meetings.

83. As we conclude our Annual Assembly, we would reverently acknowledge the overshadowing and continued presence of our Divine Master throughout all of our varied deliberations.

We have been enabled to transact the important affairs of the church in great harmony and love, and now, as we return to our homes and fields of labor, we pray that the coming year may be more fruitful in service to Him, and in the advancing of the Redeemer's Kingdom among men.

The Meeting now adjourns to meet in joint session at Newport, R. I., at the usual time in the Sixth Month next, if the Lord permit.

TIMOTHY B. HUSSEY, } Clerks.
RUTH S. MURRAY, }

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE YEARLY MEETING.

MEMBERS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE MEETING.

For One Year.

Augustine Jones	Providence, R. I.
William O. Newhall	Lynn, Mass.
Elizabeth A. Gifford	Adamsville, R. I.
George H. Farr	Lewiston, Me.
Alice M. Dow	Bolton, Mass.
Eliza P. Pierce	East Vassalboro, Me.
Lydia M. C. Tuttle	Dover, N. H.
Jesse McPherson	Winthrop Centre, Me.
John B. Cartland	North Sandwich, N. H.
Myra E. Frye	Woodfords, Me.
Charles A. Chace	355 Fall River, Mass.
D. Wheeler Swift	Worcester, Mass.
Lucy R. Goddard	Woodfords, Me.
Owen Dame	Lynn, Mass.
Charles H. Thorndike	Concord, N. H.
Benjamin Greene	Portsmouth, R. I.

For Two Years.

Phebe S. Aydelott	Fall River, Mass.
Daniel C. Maxfield	Amesbury, Mass.
John B. Baylies	New Bedford, Mass.
John J. Frye	Portland, Me.
Deborah P. Atherton	Uxbridge, Mass.
Annie M. Ray	South China, Me.
William P. Tuttle	Dover, N. H.
Hannah J. Bailey	Winthrop Centre, Me.
Lydia A. Cartland	East Parsonsfield, Me.
Levi Jones	Winthrop, Me.
Emeline H. Tuttle	Dover, N. H.
Salome C. Wheeler	Uxbridge, Mass.
John S. Kimber	Newport, R. I.
Melissa S. Dearborn	East Parsonsfield, Me.
J. Hacker Hall	Windham Center, Me.
Olney T. Meader	Boston, Mass.

For Three Years.

Samuel R. Buffinton	Fall River, Mass.
Lucy T. Herbert	17 Chatham Street, Lynn, Mass.
Susan F. Hoxie	Sandwich, Mass.
Ezra Hawkes	Portland, Me.
Isaac Steere	Harrisville, R. I.
Henry H. Goddard	Vassalboro, Me.
Timothy B. Hussey	North Berwick, Me.
I. Warren Hawkes	Manchester, Me.
Silas H. Cartland	East Parsonsfield, Me.
Sarah J. Swift	Worcester, Mass.
Joseph E. Briggs	Winthrop Centre, Me.
Anna G. Wood	New Bedford, Mass.
Joseph D. Wood	215 State Street, Boston, Mass.
Elizabeth K. Jones	South China, Me.
Philip A. Cornell	South Dartmouth, Mass.
George L. Crosman	Lynn, Mass.

PROVIDENCE BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

For One Year.

Timothy B. Hussey.	Rachel S. Howland.
Samuel R. Buffinton.	Ellen K. Buffum.
James H. Chace.	Hannah J. Bailey.
Peter M. Neal.	Anna G. Wood.
Samuel Buffum.	Deborah W. Crosman.
Robert P. Gifford.	Deborah P. Atherton.

For Two Years.

I. Warren Hawkes.	Ruth S. Murray.
William O. Newhall.	Alice W. Maxfield.
Daniel C. Maxfield.	Anna M. Hussey.
Charles A. Chace.	Elizabeth H. Newhall.
Olney T. Meader.	Sarah Marble.
Charles Sisson.	Susan Peckham.

For Three Years.

Edward T. Tucker.	Bessie T. Wing.
Joshua L. Macomber.	S. Caroline Tobey.
John J. Frye.	Mary A. Crosman.
Charles E. Cobb.	M. Augusta Battey.
Thomas Wood.	Martha Hoag, of Boston.
Barker Newhall.	Rufus M. Jones.

REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE.

For One Year.

James H. Chace.	Samuel R. Buffinton.
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For Two Years.

Olney T. Meader.	Robert P. Gifford.
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For Three Years.

Charles Sisson.	Thomas Wood.
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COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Chairman, GEORGE A. BARTON.

Secretary, ANNA F. HALL, Windham Centre, Me.

Treasurer, JOHN ELLWOOD PAIGE, Lynn, Mass.

For One Year.

George A. Barton.	Rufus M. Jones.
Anna F. Hall.	

For Two Years.

Myra E. Frye.	J. Ellwood Paige.
Ruth S. Murray.	

For Three Years.

Gertrude W. Cartland.	Sarah Marble.
Wilmot R. Jones.	

COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

Chairman, BENJAMIN F. TRUEBLOOD, 3 Somerset St., Boston, Mass.

Treasurer, THOMAS WOOD, 215 State Street, Boston, Mass.

Secretary, SAMUEL BUFFUM, North Berwick, Me.

For One Year.

Benjamin F. Trueblood	Boston, Mass.
Thomas Wood	215 State Street, Boston, Mass.
Samuel Buffum	North Berwick, Me.
Hannah J. Bailey	Winthrop Centre, Me.
Silas H. Cartland	East Parsonsfield, Me.
Sylvester S. Aldrich	Woonsocket, R. I.

For Two Years.

Nathaniel W. Gifford	New Bedford, Mass.
Ellen Bangs	Dover, N. H.
Mary C. Baylies	New Bedford, Mass.
Samuel R. Buffinton	Fall River, Mass.
James M. Estes	Vassalboro, Me.
George H. Farr	Lewiston, Me.

For Three Years.

Martha E. Hoag	North Sandwich, N. H.
Elizabeth K. Jones	South China, Me.
S. Jane Cox	Portland, Me.
Sarah A. Hill	Amesbury, Mass.
Caroline Alice Jones	Providence, R. I.
Gertrude W. Cartland	Newburyport, Mass.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE SUPPRESSION
OF THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

President, JOSEPH H. ATWATER, Providence, R. I.

Secretary, ELLA L. ANDREWS, Worcester, Mass.

Treasurer, ELISHA T. READ, Woonsocket, R. I.

Superintendent of Literature, MARY A. CHASE, Manchester, N. H.

Superintendent of Lectures, HANNAH J. BAILEY, Winthrop Centre, Me.

Executive Committee.

Joseph H. Atwater.

Elisha T. Read.

Ella L. Andrews.

Mary A. Chase.

Hannah J. Bailey.

GENERAL COMMITTEE FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF THE LIQUOR
TRAFFIC.*For One Year.*

Joseph H. Atwater	Providence, R. I.
Louisa N. Meader	Saylesville, R. I.
William Wood	Lawrence, Mass.
Mary A. Chase	Manchester, N. H.
Joshua L. Macomber	Mattapoisett, Mass.
George L. Crosman	Lynn, Mass.
Susan M. Seabury	New Bedford, Mass.

For Two Years.

Mary C. Baylies	New Bedford, Mass.
Elisha T. Read	Woonsocket, R. I.
Ella L. Andrews	Worcester, Mass.
Josiah B. Holder	Lewiston, Me.
Lucy A. Snow	Windham Centre, Me.
George H. Cates	East Vassalboro, Me.
Emma F. R. Goddard	Vassalboro, Me.

For Three Years.

Charles E. Peaslee	Gonic, N. H.
Emeline H. Tuttle	Dover, N. H.
Hannah J. Bailey	Winthrop Centre, Me.
Clara W. Boverly	Winthrop Centre, Me.
Leslie O. Meader	North Sandwich, N. H.
Mary L. Cobb	East Parsonsfield, Me.
Lizzie T. Hoag	North Sandwich, N. H.

COMMITTEE ON OAK GROVE SEMINARY AND BAILEY
INSTITUTE.*Chairman,* CHARLES M. BAILEY.*Secretary,* I. WARREN HAWKES.*Treasurer,* JOSEPH E. BRIGGS.*For One Year.*

Charles M. Bailey.	Sophia D. Bailey.
C. Irving Bailey.	Hannah J. Bailey.
Charles M. Jones.	S. Jane Cox.
Joseph E. Briggs.	Emma S. Briggs.
John J. Frye.	Myra E. Frye.

George L. Crosman.

For Two Years.

Timothy B. Hussey.	Ruthanna H. Washburn.
Frank E. Jones.	Eliza P. Pierce.
Alfred H. Jones.	Mary E. Taber.
Henry Winslow.	Mary G. Winslow.
Elwood A. Bailey.	Elenora S. Woodman.

I. Warren Hawkes.

For Three Years.

Jesse McPherson.	Sarah Marble.
George H. Cates.	Anna M. Priest.
William H. Douglass.	Eliza B. Douglass.
Herbert O. Jepson.	Clara W. Mumford.
Melvin M. Bailey.	Lettie M. Bailey.

Rufus M. Jones.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Chairman, TIMOTHY B. HUSSEY, North Berwick, Me.

Recording and Corresponding Secretary, RUTH S. MURRAY, New Bedford, Mass.

Treasurer, WILLIAM T. HUSSEY, North Berwick, Me.

For One Year.

Timothy B. Hussey.	Anna M. Hussey.
Anna G. Wood.	Charles M. Jones.
Hannah J. Bailey.	Harriette D. Collins.

Alice C. Earle.

For Two Years.

William Thompson.	Susau T. Thompson.
Ruth S. Murray.	Robert P. Gifford.
Huldah H. Leighton.	Olney T. Meader.

William T. Hussey.

For Three Years.

Samuel Buffum.	Gulielma C. Wood.
Henry D. Swift.	Martha E. Hoag.
D. Wheeler Swift.	Elizabeth K. Jones.

Mary W. Jones, of Winthrop Centre.

COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS.

Chairman, WILLIAM O. NEWHALL.

Secretary, MYRA E. FRYE.

Recording Secretary, SARAH J. SWIFT.

Treasurer, SAMUEL BUFFUM.

For One Year.

William O. Newhall	Lynn, Mass.
Augustine Jones	Friends' School, Providence, R. I.
John J. Frye	Woodfords, Me.
Emeline H. Tuttle	Dover, N. H.
Hannah J. Bailey	Winthrop Centre, Me.
Joseph D. Wood	634 Warren Street, Roxbury, Mass.
Electa J. Collins	Great Barrington, Mass.

For Two Years.

Edward T. Tucker	New Bedford, Mass.
Sarah J. Swift	Worcester, Mass.
Lizzie M. Hawkes	Manchester, Me.
Ellen K. Buffum	Providence, R. I.
Myra E. Frye	Woodfords, Me.
Asa C. Tuttle	Dover, N. H.
Anna M. Gove	Seabrook, N. H.

For Three Years.

Samuel Buffum	North Berwick, Me.
Emma S. Briggs	Winthrop Centre, Me.
Mary D. Collins	Hopkinton City, R. I.
Susan H. Meader	634 Warren Street, Roxbury, Mass.
Almira B. Buffum	North Berwick, Me.
John S. Kimber	Newport, R. I.
Elisha T. Read	Woonsocket, R. I.

Associated Executive Committee.

William O. Newhall.	John S. Kimber.
Emeline H. Tuttle.	Myra E. Frye.

FREEDMEN'S COMMITTEE.

*Secretary and Treasurer, ROBERT P. GIFFORD.**For One Year.*

Joseph E. Briggs.	Susan F. Hoxie.
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For Two Years.

George A. Barton.	Anna M. Hussey.
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For Three Years.

Robert P. Gifford.	Hannah J. Bailey.
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ORGANIZATION OF GOSPEL COMMITTEE.

Chairman, CHARLES H. JONES.*Secretary*, HARRIETTE D. COLLINS.*Treasurer*, JOSEPH E. BRIGGS.

QUARTERLY MEETING SUPERINTENDENTS OF GOSPEL WORK.

RHODE ISLAND, Phebe S. Aydelott.

SALEM, Charles H. Thorndike.

SANDWICH, William P. Macomber.

FALMOUTH, Henry F. Newell.

SMITHFIELD, Salome C. Wheeler.

VASSALBORO, James M. Estes.

DOVER, Emeline H. Tuttle.

FAIRFIELD, Jesse McPherson.

PARSONSFIELD, Silas H. Cartland.

AT LARGE.

For One Year.

Joseph E. Briggs.

For Two Years.

Harriette D. Collins.

For Three Years.

Charles H. Jones.

CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD.

Chairman, BENJAMIN F. TRUEBLOOD.*Secretary*, GEORGE L. CROSMAN.*Treasurer*, THOMAS WOOD.*For One Year.*

Thomas Wood.

John J. Frye.

Timothy B. Hussey.

Melvin M. Bailey.

For Two Years.

Charles M. Bailey.

Phebe S. Aydelott.

Joseph E. Briggs.

Benjamin F. Trueblood.

For Three Years.

Charles A. Chace.

George L. Crosman.

Anna M. Gove.

Sarah W. Newlin.

Trustees.

D. Wheeler Swift, one year.

Samuel Buffum, two years.

Olney T. Meader, three years.

COMMITTEE ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

Yearly Meeting Superintendent, MARY L. CHACE, 17 High St., Fall River.
Secretary and Treasurer, MARIANNA GIFFORD, 70 Rock St., Fall River.

COMMITTEE.

MARIANNA GIFFORD.

GEO. C. HERBERT, Lynn, Mass.

GEO. L. CROSMAN, Lynn, Mass.

QUARTERLY MEETING SUPERINTENDENTS.

RHODE ISLAND, M. Augusta Battey.

SALEM, Alice W. Jones.

SANDWICH, Sarah H. Taber.

FALMOUTH, Lewis M. Douglas.

SMITHFIELD, Dorcas H. Babcock.

VASSALBORO, Annie M. Priest.

DOVER, William T. Hussey.

FAIRFIELD, Alfred W. Hawkes.

PARSONSFIELD, Cornelius Turner.

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

For One Year.

Thomas J. Battey	Providence, R. I.
Marianna Gifford	Fall River, Mass.
George C. Herbert	Lynn, Mass.
Sarah D. Brown	22 Highland St., Amesbury, Mass.
Joshua L. Macomber	Mattapoisett, Mass.
Sarah H. Taber	New Bedford, Mass.

For Two Years.

Elbridge W. Packard	Lewiston, Me.
Anna J. Goddard	91 Winter St., Portland, Me.
Elisha T. Read	Woonsocket, R. I.
Alice M. Dow	Bolton, Mass.
Linwood W. Jones	South China, Me.
Abbie P. Jenkins	East Vassalboro, Me.

For Three Years.

Clarence I. Pinkham	Dover, N. H.
Elizabeth B. Lord	North Berwick, Me.
C. Irving Bailey	Winthrop Centre, Me.
Martha B. Osborne	Manchester, Me.
Thomas W. Hoag	North Sandwich, Me.
Melissa S. Dearborn	East Parsonsfield, Me.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

RHODE ISLAND, Samuel R. Buffinton, Phebe S. Aydelott.
 SALEM, Owen Dame, Anna M. Gove.
 SANDWICH, John B. Baylies, Susan F. Hoxie.
 FALMOUTH, John J. Frye, Lucy R. Goddard.
 SMITHFIELD, D. Wheeler Swift, Deborah P. Atherton.
 VASSALBORO, Alfred H. Jones, Mary R. Jones.
 DOVER, William P. Tuttle, Almira B. Buffum.
 FAIRFIELD, Joseph E. Briggs, Hannah J. Bailey.
 PARSONSFIELD, Silas H. Cartland, Lizzie S. Hoag.

YEARLY MEETING CORRESPONDENTS.

Joseph Cartland, Newburyport, Mass.
 Samuel Buffum, North Berwick, Maine.
 Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Maine.

COMMITTEE ON MOSHER FUND.

Henry H. Goddard, Chairman, J. Elwood Paige, Treasurer, Deborah P. Atherton, Secretary.

For One Year.

John L. Taylor. Anna F. Hall.
 Mary W. Jones, Winthrop Centre.

For Two Years.

Henry H. Goddard. Deborah P. Atherton.
 Mary L. Cobb.

For Three Years.

Samuel Buffum. J. Ellwood Paige.
 Susan Peckham.

Trustees of the Mosher Fund.

Charles M. Bailey. Olney T. Meader.
 Owen Dame.

MINUTES
OF
NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING
OF
WOMEN FRIENDS.

1895.

MINUTES OF THE WOMEN'S MEETING.

FOURTH-DAY, SIXTH MONTH 19TH.

The Meeting assembled in separate session according to adjournment. Epistles from our sisters in Dublin, North Carolina, Indiana, and Western Yearly Meetings were received and read, to our comfort and edification.

The report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was read, and we rejoice in this manifestation of Christian activity. The Lord, who has called to the work, has richly blessed the labors of his devoted children, and we trust a full fruitage to his glory may be seen in the years to come.

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING OF WOMEN FRIENDS:

STATISTICS.

	Number of Auxiliaries.		Number of Members.	
	1894.	1895.	1894.	1895.
Rhode Island	6	6	114	99
Salem	5	5	132	129
Sandwich.	4	4	61	54
Falmouth.	3	4	85	76
Smithfield	2	2	46	45
Vassalboro	3	3	60	63
Dover	1	1	9	10
Fairfield	3	3	48	73
Parsonsfeld	2	2	36	25
Total	29	30	591	574

Auxiliaries, 30; gained, 1; members, 574; lost, 17; life members, 23.

REVIEW TABLE OF STATISTICS.

In 1886 we had 31 auxiliaries, with 617 members.

" 1887	"	29	"	"	646	"
" 1888	"	27	"	"	526	"
" 1889	"	25	"	"	475	"
" 1890	"	24	"	"	467	"
" 1891	"	33	"	"	623	"
" 1892	"	33	"	"	644	"
" 1893	"	31	"	"	627	"
" 1894	"	29	"	"	591	"
" 1895	"	30	"	"	574	"

The work in Ramallah and among the Indians has received our first attention, but aid has also been extended to the Jewish Mission in Chicago, to sufferers in Nebraska and Kansas, a native missionary from Africa, to the work in Alaska, and by one auxiliary towards educating a little girl in India.

Twenty-six auxiliaries are reported as giving attention to the department of Missionary Literature, twenty-five to that of Proportionate Systematic Giving, and seventeen to Junior and Juvenile work.

Six auxiliaries endeavor to observe the first First day in each month as missionary days.

Fifty honorary members, men and boys, are reported.

The number of public meetings reported is so very small that we fear the record is incomplete. We will give it, however, as it is reported. Fourteen public meetings, fifteen prayer meetings, four missionary concerts, and three lectures. We surely need stirring up on the line of public meetings.

Money has been raised for the work in various ways, methods known to all our auxiliaries, but nothing has been reported that appears to be at all objectionable. We do hope that more will be done in the matter of proportionate systematic giving than has been. That certainly seems the Scriptural and therefore the most God-honoring method.

There still seems great need of pressing our department work. The work cannot be carried on without money, and surely if each would set apart so small a sum as one tenth of his income, there would be no lack of means. Our children and young people, too, must be trained to a genuine love of the work if they are to come up and fill the places of us, who are older, when we fall out of the ranks. Then, too, we need to be enlightened as to the field and its needs, and this must come to us largely through literature. A faithful study of the Uniform Lessons prepared for the *Advocate* is a wonderful help in this direction. Will we not try to do more on all these lines?

Our dear workers at the Kickapoo Mission have been indefatigable in their labors during the past year, and the Lord had blessed them and their

work. They have the terrible drink evil to contend with there, as we have it here. Soon after our last Yearly Meeting Elizabeth Test wrote: "The effect of the open saloons is terrible in this new country. Even small boys four and five years old drink. Choctaw City with two or three hundred inhabitants has three open saloons, and our Indians go there and get drunk. It will be much worse if they open towns in here with saloons at every corner." The universal testimony of our missionaries in all lands is, that where the barrel of rum precedes the Bible or goes with it, — yes, and where it follows it, too, deadly work is done, and the wheels of the gospel car are sadly blocked.

Another hindrance has been the unsettled condition of the Kickapoos with regard to taking their allotments. They think themselves greatly wronged by the Government, and have little confidence in any white people except the missionaries. It is hard to erase from their minds the memory of a "Century of Dishonor."

Towards the close of the last year the hearts of the missionaries were greatly encouraged by blessed answers to their prayers for the welfare of the people among whom they labored. The visit of the late Professor Painter was greatly blessed of the Lord. John S. Kimber, son of our beloved Margaret C. Kimber, of sainted memory, also made them a visit, which was reported to us in Twelfth Month. Of this E. Test says: "He won his way to the hearts of the Indians at once, and signal blessings attended his gospel ministrations. In company with some of the workers he visited the Shawnees, spending the night in one of their floorless cabins, and living as the Indians lived. The next First day was one of great blessing; thirty-four Indians gathered, though it was a rainy day. An after meeting was held with very blessed results. It is believed that Parthee was converted, and he soon began to go about telling of Jesus." Not long after we hear of his rising in meeting and preaching with singular power and unction to his people in their "own tongue wherein they were born." This was something which we had been asking definitely, and God granted our petition.

A blessed work of grace has also been going on among the children, and E. Test says of them, "An earnestness is displayed by some of the young converts which is really inspiring. All of the children, with little exception, seem to be really trying to walk in the ways of the Lord."

Through the kindness of a Friend, means have been furnished for a small addition to E. Test's house, so that Rachel Kirk can make her home with them, and their hearts are greatly cheered at the prospect of her company and her helpful advice and counsel in their work.

There being a prospect of a change in several helpers at the Mission, our prayers are asked that the right ones may be sent, and that wisdom may be given to those who stand at the head of the work in all their decisions. Lina B. Lunt is still E. Test's faithful coadjutor in the work. We are still endeavoring to support twenty-one girls in the Training Home at Ramallah. There are at present twenty-four girls in the Home.

Two of the new pupils came from Cana of Galilee, two from Jerusalem, and one from *es-Salt* beyond the Jordan, in the land of Moab. The wildest of them soon began to show signs of improvement, learned cheerfully to obey the rules of the school, and became very happy and contented.

In writing of the new pupils, Katie Gabriel says, "Those from Cana represent the old Canaanites of the land, and are examples of how much there is to be done to elevate their people. We are glad to have the privilege of helping such, and trust they will prove that the time and means spent on them have not been wasted."

These girls are from many different localities throughout Palestine, and as they return to their scattered homes their Christian influence will be widely spread.

At the close of the present month, a class of seven girls will graduate, receive their diplomas, and be prepared to teach in both Arabic and English. They have been thoroughly instructed, and best of all we believe they are practical Christians. Two of them will remain in the Training Home as assistant teachers, four will be employed to assist in the day schools of the village of Ramallah, and one will go to assist her mother, a native Christian woman, who is teaching an interesting school in Jiffneh, supported by the friends of Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

One dear girl, who expected to graduate this year, was obliged to leave school on account of ill health. We hope she may be able to return and complete her course of study. While an inmate of the hospital at Jerusalem, her sweet Christian influence was felt by all those about her. She sang the hymns she had learned in the Training Home, and told the children in her gentle way the stories of the Bible that she knew and loved so well. We hope, if spared, she will become, in the Lord's hands, a great blessing to the people who now dwell in deplorable ignorance and spiritual darkness on the site of the ancient Ophrah, once the home of Gideon, and now her home, her widowed mother having lately removed there from Nazareth.

A gift of ten dollars to be added to our permanent fund has come to us from James F. Almy, in memory of his mother, Julia E. Almy, a member of the auxiliary at Salem, Mass., who passed on, Seventh Month 30th, 1894. A similar gift of ten dollars has also been given by friends of our late dear friend Lavina G. Huntington, who passed on, Fourth Month 10th, 1894, — a minister in Weare Monthly Meeting, N. H. Are there not others who would gladly put such a memorial gift into our work? In this way the work of our dear ones who have passed into the beyond can still be going on.

ELIZABETH T. LARKIN,
Corresponding Secretary.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LITERATURE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING OF WOMEN FRIENDS:—

The statistics of this department from First Month 1st, 1894, to First Month 1st, 1895, are as follows, viz:—

Number of auxiliaries having libraries	.	.	.	9
“ “ “ reporting no library	.	.	.	19
“ “ volumes in libraries	.	.	.	64

Two auxiliaries report one or two books bought as a nucleus, and some pamphlets and *Missionary Advocates* for circulation.

Number of subscribers to *Missionary Advocate*, as reported from the auxiliaries, 209; number given during the sessions of the Yearly Meeting, 19, making a total of 228, a decrease of three instead of the greatly desired increase over last year. We fear that we are not as a body properly upholding this valuable paper, and we desire that this year still greater effort may be made to enlarge its circulation. Our general Secretary writes that “if the subscriptions are not increased the board will have to resort to some other methods of paying the cost of the paper, either by premiums or advertisements, to both of which methods there are serious objections. There are many Friends who cannot afford to take it, and others who can do not care for it; could not some of these give the price of the subscription; to send it to one or more of these needy families with whose addresses the editor is supplied?” There have been sent to the local Superintendents 443 tracts or 3,782 pages of reading matter. Reports from seventeen auxiliaries show that 2,560 tracts have been distributed by their local Superintendents, the greatest number by any single one being 568, who writes, “I am very much interested in the work, but am an old lady and a cripple and willing to help the cause, trusting and praying that the Lord will bless my feeble efforts. Four auxiliaries report none distributed, five say a few, or several, or some, three have kept no account, and one mentions that forty tracts have been read and sent to those who wish.

The study of missionary literature will keep us in touch as nothing else will with the great facts of modern civilization, especially as related to its highest type of Christianity, and lack of knowledge is often cause of lack of interest; so we feel that it is important to found more missionary libraries and make this department an educational one.

Respectfully submitted,

HANNAH P. LADD,
General Superintendent of Literature.

REPORT OF PROPORTIONATE SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING OF WOMEN FRIENDS FOR NEW ENGLAND:

The statistics of this department, as reported by the auxiliaries, are as follows:--

Number of tracts received	.	.	.	.	.	.	444
“ “ distributed	.	.	.	.	.	.	455
“ leaflets received	.	.	.	.	.	.	141
“ “ distributed	.	.	.	.	.	.	353
“ mite-boxes given out	.	.	.	.	.	.	92
“ addresses delivered	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
Amount of mite-box collections	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$104 20
Number who practise Proportionate Systematic Giving,							165

A catalogue of tracts on Systematic Giving and a Responsive Reading have been sent to the auxiliaries, but the department has not distributed many tracts this year.

The same methods of raising money are generally reported as in former years; but one or two auxiliaries state that they have given up these methods and depend entirely on free-will offerings. There seems thus an advance towards recognizing our stewardship and laying aside a portion for the Lord's work as each is prospered. May our next year show a still further growth in this direction.

This year reports have been received from nearly all the auxiliaries. One auxiliary reports that it does not have the department, and sends no statistics, and others, who report through their Corresponding Secretary, send very imperfect ones. It is believed that there are members of these auxiliaries who are in the practice of proportionate systematic giving, but they are not reported. How can your Superintendent make a complete report to the Yearly Meeting if some auxiliaries refuse to appoint a Superintendent of this department? The looking up of these statistics does not belong properly among the duties of the Corresponding Secretary, and yet she must do it, or none be furnished if there is no Superintendent.

Let every auxiliary remember that the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has this department, and that they are not fulfilling their duty if they do not support it properly. If they look at this subject in the right manner, it can scarcely be doubted that next year will find the department fully organized, ready to work, and also to report what has been already accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,

D. P. ATHERTON,

Superintendent Proportionate Systematic Giving.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 17th, 1895.

REPORT OF JUNIOR AND JUVENILE DEPARTMENT.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

For the past year the ten Mission Bands of our Yearly Meeting represent a membership of about one hundred and thirty-five, and they have contributed the sum of \$212.92 to the work.

Four day scholars at the Ramallah Mission have been supported by the Bands at Manchester, Portland, North Berwick, Me., and Boston. The expenses of two girls at the Training Home have been paid, one by the Etta Johnston Band of thirty members, at Winthrop Centre, Me., and one by the bands of Portland, Me., and Central Village, Mass. At their annual sale in Portland, the Little Helpers' Mission Band made \$27.53. The boys have been very busy in covering stools which will be sold at their next sale, and the girls dressed dolls to send to the Indian children. Whole amount raised, \$37.15. The Etta Johnston Band at Winthrop Centre is composed mostly of young ladies. They have been particularly helped by having Etta Johnston herself working with them. This band has raised ninety dollars.

Other bands have assisted the Kickapoo Mission in various ways by money and supplies. We notice that mite-boxes and collections are used generally as a means of raising money, and we also hear of much hand work being done, prompted by loving hearts.

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH D. BROWN, *Superintendent.*

AMESBURY, MASS., Sixth Month 5th, 1895.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING, 1894 AND 1895.

Note of M. M. Bailey Investment for the Indian Building

Fund	\$187 88
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RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	\$14 53
Collection at public meeting at Newport	68 26
Amounts received from Quarterly Meetings' Auxiliaries:—	

Rhode Island	\$549 06
Salem	366 05
Sandwich	104 87
Falmouth	197 78
Smithfield	157 39
Vassalboro	142 50
Dover	16 00
Fairfield	101 84
Parsonsfield	21 14

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Bible-school Collections	\$98 30
Junior Mission Bands	134 04
Borrowed, Eleventh Month 23d, 1894	270 27
On note of M. M. Bailey for improvement of land at Kickapoo Mission	100 00
Miscellaneous receipts	262 75
Collections at public meetings held by E. H. Johnston, after deducting travelling and incidental expenses	129 62
Borrowed, Third Month 30th, to meet obligations at Ramallah, ...	60 29
Total	\$2,794 69

EXPENDITURES.

William T. Hussey, for girls in Training Home	\$1,365 00
“ “ “ seven day scholars	35 00
“ “ money collected by E. H. Johnston	46 58
For Elizabeth Test's salary	294 88
“ Lina B. Lunt's “	294 88
“ special support of children at Kickapoo Mission	120 50
On note of M. M. Bailey (Indian Building Fund)	100 00
E. Test, from Western Yearly Meeting of Women Friends	40 62
“ “ a friend	31 00
Miscellaneous expenditures	34 20
Anna L. Evans, for support of Effie E. Swan, India	25 00
Ellen W. Longstreth, Treasurer of Missionary Union	76 76
Anna M. Gove, Trustee, three life memberships	60 00
Paid loan of Eleventh Month 23d, 1895	270 27
Total	\$2,794 69
Balance on note of M. M. Bailey for Indian Building Fund	\$87 88

We have examined the above account with vouchers for expenditures, and find them correct.

M. AUGUSTA BATTEY, }
 ELIZABETH W. SWAN, } *Auditors.*

Satisfactory reports have been received from Treasurers of local auxiliaries in Amesbury, Hallowell, Long Plain, West Gardiner, Salem, North Sandwich, Westport, East Parsonsfield, Newport, Lynn, Bolton, Winthrop Centre, Boston, South Durham, and Allen's Neck. They report money raised by sales, suppers, lectures, mite-box collections, birthday boxes, free-will and thank offerings, and by systematic giving.

Salem Auxiliary reports a box sent to Kickapoo Mission, value about \$30, and Lynn Auxiliary clothing sent to same Mission, value, \$10; Winthrop Centre Juvenile Band has supported a girl in the Training Home at Ramallah, and forwarded \$20 on the next year's account.

Three life members have been received during the year. The list now stands as follows:—

Elizabeth T. Larkin.	Mary R. Osborne.
Caroline Alice Jones.	Huldah H. Leighton.
Hannah B. Farr.	Anna G. Wood.
Etta H. Johnston.	Emeline H. Tuttle.
Ruth S. Murray.	Lydia E. Sawyer.
Ellen K. Buffum.	Phebe S. Aydelott.
Mary H. Robinson.	Sarah J. Swift.
Mary E. Gifford.	Elizabeth Austin Gifford.
Mary S. Macomber.	Lina B. Lunt.
Hannah G. Sherman.	Tacy P. Hawkes.
Hannah J. Bailey.	Lucy R. Goddard.

Myra E. Frye.

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN H. MEADER, *Treasurer.*

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 17th, 1895.

For itemized statement of receipts and expenditures see printed reports.

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS OF WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING.

RECEIPTS.

Interest on Nebraska Loan and Trust Co.	\$12 00
“ “ A. F. Cox & Sons' note	5 00
“ “ deposit in Augusta Savings Bank	3 61
For three memberships	60 00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Susan H. Meader, Treasurer	\$7 60
Deposit in Augusta Savings Bank	60 00
Cash on hand	13 01

FOURTH MONTH 1st, 1895.

\$80 61

Amount Held in Trust.

Cash on hand	\$13 01
In Augusta Savings Bank	160 00
Nebraska Loan and Trust Co.	200 00
A. F. Cox & Sons' note	100 00

\$473 01

For the Trustees,

MARY G. WINSLOW.

WINTHROP CENTRE ME., Fourth Month 1st, 1895.

I have examined the above accounts and the vouchers for expenditures, and found them correct.

M. AUGUSTA BATTEY, *Auditor.*

The following named Friends have been appointed as officers of the Society for the ensuing year : —

President — PHEBE S. AYDELOTT, 70 Rock Street, Fall River, Mass.

Vice-President at Large — MYRA E. FRYE, Woodfords, Me., RUTH S. MURRAY, Grove Street, New Bedford, Mass.

Corresponding Secretary — ELIZABETH T. LARKIN, 72 Central Street, Peabody, Mass.

Recording Secretary — ABBY M. C. BREED, 27 Beach Avenue, Lynn, Mass.

Treasurer — SUSAN H. MEADER, 634 Warren Street, Roxbury, Mass.

QUARTERLY MEETING VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Rhode Island — ADALINE F. CHASE, Fall River, Mass., Box 355.

Salem — JENNIE W. CROSMAN, Mountain Avenue, Lynn, Mass.

Sandwich — ELIZABETH A. GIFFORD, Adamsville, R. I.

Smithfield — SARAH J. SWIFT, 22 Oak Avenue, Worcester, Mass.

Dover — ALMIRA B. BUFFUM, North Berwick, Me.

Falmouth — MIRIAM C. WEBBER, Lisbon Falls, Me.

Vassalboro — ELIZA P. PIERCE, East Vassalboro, Me.

Fairfield — LIZZIE M. HAWKES, Manchester, Me.

Parsonsfield — MARY L. COBB, Parsonsfield, Me.

TRUSTEES OF THE PERMANENT FUND.

For One Year — MARY G. WINSLOW, Winthrop Centre, Me.

For Two Years — HANNAH J. BAILEY, Winthrop Centre, Me.

For Three Years — ANNA M. GOVE, Seabrook, N. H.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

Proportionate and Systematic Giving — DEBORAH P. ATHERTON, Uxbridge, Mass.

Literature — HANNAH C. LADD, Providence, R. I., Box 453.

Junior and Juvenile Work — MARY W. JONES, Winthrop Centre, Me.

AUDITORS.

M. AUGUSTA BATTEY, Providence, R. I.

ELIZABETH W. SWAN, 2 Derne St., Boston, Mass.

BOX COMMITTEE.

Chairman — MARY B. JOHNSTON, 469 Cumberland St., Portland, Me.

ISABELLE D. CHASE, Cherry St., Lynn, Mass.

OLIVE H. WEEKS, Friends' School, Providence, R. I.

The Yearly Meeting Committee on Finance presented their report, which is accepted. We unite in the suggestions contained in their report, in concurrence with our Men Friends.

The Committee on Returning Minutes proposed minutes for the ministers in attendance. We united with our Men Friends in approving their action, and the Clerk is directed to sign the various minutes on our behalf.

The Committee on Finance for 1895 presented a report, which is united with by this and the Men's Meeting.

The answers to the queries to the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, together with a minute of this Meeting, have been read.

The Nominating Committee presented the names of the following Friends, to constitute a committee on the disbursement of the income of the Mosher Fund, whose names will appear under "Standing Committee."

The Committee on Social Purity presented their annual report, which was acceptable to the Meeting. We hope their efforts to promote purity of heart and life will be abundantly blessed by Him who said, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." The Meeting was united in committing the care of the work to the same committee, under the name of the Committee on Purity.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL PURITY.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING OF WOMEN FRIENDS: —

"Give me, O Christ, thy love in all its power,
And let my thoughts be good and pure and true.
Give me Thy grace to do Thy will, not mine;
And when I falter, as I often do,
Be Thou my guide.

"Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom." Words spoken by Solomon long ago, and yet to-day they are as pregnant with truth as when first uttered. As we enter more largely into the work of Social Purity, and see the subtlety with which Satan is twining his iniquitous toils about our children, and blighting the lives of the young men and women of our land, poisoning the moral atmosphere about us, our hearts would fail us, and our hands fall down helpless, were it not for the sweet voice of Jesus calling, "I gave my life for thee. What hast thou done for me?" His precious promise, "My grace is sufficient for thee," helps, too, so blessedly in the work. So, with our eyes fixed on Jesus, we are sowing the seed, and we will work on, trying carefully, gently, and wisely to root out the noxious weeds where they exist, and

to keep them out where they have not yet appeared, that the good seed may spring up and grow.

Reports have been received from the members of the Committee, which are full of interest. Three or four members have been prevented by much sickness in their families, or their own ill health, from doing as much as they wished, but their prayers have been constant and their interest in the work undiminished.

In Vassalboro' Quarter one Mothers' Meeting has been held; seventy-five copies of the State laws relating to the subject have been posted in post offices and other public places, and otherwise distributed; fifty-five pledge cards for small children used; two thousand one hundred and ninety-six pages of literature distributed, and steps taken to suppress the publication of vile advertisements in local papers. A good deal of personal work has also been done.

In Fairfield Quarter three Mothers' Meetings have been held; one thousand and twenty-five pages of literature distributed; literature sent to several sisters in different localities, and at least one stirring sermon preached, which was a revelation to many.

In Dover Quarterly Meeting the work has been mostly private conversation with mothers, and also young people, boys and girls, on this important subject. The prayer recorded in Joel 2: 17 seems specially applicable to us in these last days.

In Parsonsfield Quarter, also, the work has been mostly by way of private conversations. A small quantity of literature has been distributed, and faithfulness exercised in dropping the good seed.

In Sandwich Quarter several hundred pages of literature have been distributed, talks given in Mothers' Meetings, and much interest expressed. The literature has gone into many homes where it would meet the eyes of young people, and it is hoped the good seed will take deep root in their hearts.

In Smithfield Quarter talks have been given in the W. C. T. U., literature distributed, and private talks given.

Salem Quarter reports meetings held in Concord, Henniker, Manchester, and North Weare, N. H.; also in Peabody and Lynn, by Mary J. Weaver, of Batavia, N. Y., and a class of women interested and seed sown that must bring forth good fruitage. Members of our Committee keep some of our literature always with them, and often on the street, or in the cars or other public places, when what seems a good opening occurs, distribute it. A talk to mothers was given at Exeter, N. H., this spring in a County W. C. T. U. Convention, which was well received, and a similar talk was given later in one of the suburbs of the city of Manchester. Several Mothers' Meetings have been held in Manchester during the year.

Four books, "Traffic in Girls," "Traps for the Young," "Crowning Sin of the Age," and "Chastity," have been sent out during the past year to the members of our Committee, that we might realize the crying need there is for work in this direction. These books have been a startling

revelation to us all, of the extent of the evil of impurity and the need that we be up and doing. Several other books have been purchased to be sent out to members of the Committee for careful reading, and we have issued another edition of two thousand copies of the leaflet on dancing. We believe much good has been done by the distribution of this literature, and have been very glad that the collection taken at our last Yearly Meeting has given us means to prosecute this work.

Besides the books already specified as in circulation among the members of the Committee, we have purchased for the same purpose "A Study of Child Nature," "A Song of Life," "Confidential Talks with Young Men," "Confidential Talks with Young Women," "Science of Motherhood," by Hannah Whithall Smith, and "White Slave Girls of Chicago." We recommend "Man, the Masterpiece," which treats of the needs of the whole man; a grandly helpful book, published by the Health Publishing Company of Battle Creek, Mich.

We have purchased for distribution at the Yearly Meeting, eight thousand two hundred and ninety pages of literature, besides which we have bought three thousand four hundred pages of our own publications.

ADELINE F. CHACE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SOCIAL PURITY.

RECEIPTS.

Received at Yearly Meeting, 1894	\$26 00	
" from a member of Committee	2 00	
		\$28 00

EXPENDITURES.

Expended for books	\$6 85	
Expenses of Mary J. Weaver	4 16	
Printing leaflets	6 00	
Postage and stationery	3 00	
Subscriptions to "Philanthropist"	4 00	
Leaflets, etc.	3 99	
		\$28 00

MARY ALMY CHASE, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEE ON THE SUBJECT OF PURITY.

ORGANIZATION.

Chairman, ELIZABETH T. LARKIN.

Cor. Sec'y, ADELINE F. CHACE.

Rec. Sec'y, H. ELIZABETH JONES.

Treas., MARY ALMY CHASE.

COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

Mary Almy Chase. Mary C. Baylies.
Salome C. Wheeler.

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Adeline P. Briggs, Phenix, R. I., care Hoxie Bros.
Eliza B. Douglas, Lisbon Falls, Me.

The Meeting is united in proposing that the Yearly Meeting of 1896 be held in separate session on Fourth-day morning.

Adjourned to meet in joint session this afternoon.

RUTH S. MURRAY, *Clerk*.

MINUTES OF THE SIXTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN
ENDEAVOR.

1. The Sixth Annual Business Meeting of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor was held Sixth Month 15th, 1895, at 2 P. M. at Portland, Me.

2. The Meeting was called to order by the President, followed by singing and a short period of devotion.

3. The Secretary not being able to be present at the opening, Jennie T. Bishop was called to the chair for the first fifteen minutes.

4. Minutes of the last Meeting were read and accepted.

5. The following persons were appointed as a Nominating Committee to bring forward names for officers the ensuing year, viz. : Charles Estes, Joseph H. Peele, L. Frank Jones, Elisha T. Read, Albert Jones, Joseph E. Briggs, Melissa S. Dearborn, and Abbie Cornell.

6. Delegates from the local societies responded to their names as follows : —

Somerset. — Frank E. Jones, Charles Estes, Francis A. Estes.

Boston. — Abbie H. Kelley, Mary Gove, Ruth C. Wood.

Lynn. — Jennie T. Bishop, Eliza A. Jones, Cyrus Jones, Abbie M. C. Breed, Lucy T. Herbert.

Amesbury. — H. Elizabeth Jones, Alice W. Maxfield.

Salem. — Lindley H. Farr, George H. Jones.

Lawrence. — Abbie E. Goddard, Ruth Hainsworth, James A. Marshall, William Wood.

East Lynn. — Joseph H. Peele, Elmer E. Metzger, Charles W. Radford, Tillie M. Hayes, Harriet E. MacLean, Mary A. Crossman, George L. Crossman, Ernest R. Metzger.

Smith's Neck. — Abbie A. Cornell.

Portland. — L. Frank Jones, Lila Parker, Nellie Hussey, Lucy J. Goddard, William Watson, Nellie M. Hoyt.

South Durham. — Emma W. Simpson.

Woonsocket. — Arthur J. Phillips, Nellie Phillips, Elisha T. Read.

Bolton. — Alice M. Dow, Alfred Dow.

Worcester. — Ella L. Andrews.

Friends' School, Providence. — Augustine Jones, Charles C. Varney.

South China. — Mary Eliza Philbrook, J. Albert Jones.

Lake View. — Annie M. Ray.

West Gardiner. — Ida M. Knight. William J. Knight.

Oak Grove Seminary. — Henry H. Goddard, Florence M. Pierce, Mabel Page.

All other delegates appointed not present at roll call.

7. The following statistical report of the Recording Secretary for the year ending Fifth Month 5th, 1895, was read and accepted: —

STATISTICAL REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY FOR YEAR ENDING FIFTH MONTH 15TH, 1895.

QUARTERLY MEETING.	Rhode Island.	Salem.	Sandwich.
Number Local Societies in your Quarter	Three.	Eight.	Three.
Number organized during past year, ...	None.	One.	None.
Number discontinued since last report.....	None.	None.	One before last report.
Number Quarterly C. E. Confer- ences held	None.	One.	None.
At what places.....	.....	Lynn.	.....
General condition of work.....	Flourishing.	Work keeping steadily on with no great changes.	A benefit and blessing to the community.
LOCAL SOCIETIES.	Somerset.	Fall River.	Saylesville.
Number of Active Members.....	54	15	45
Number of Associate Members....	16	4	13
How many Associate have become Active since 5-15, '94.....	3	1	0
Number who are Friends	36	11	23
Number who have become Friends since 5-15, '94.....	0	0	7
Have you a Junior Society.....	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.
If so, of how many members....	24	11	22
Do you contribute for mission work among the Indians.....	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.
What other Missions, if any, re- ceive aid from you.....	Blue Ridge Mission.	None.	Blue Ridge, N. J.
How many members read the Golden Rule.....	10	All, occa- sionally.	0

STATISTICAL REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY FOR YEAR ENDING FIFTH MONTH 15TH, 1895. — Continued.

QUARTERLY MEETING.	Falmouth.			Smithfield.			Vassalboro.					
	Portland.	South Durham.	Lewistown.	Woon- socket.	Bolton.	Worcester.	South China.	West China.	Unity.	East Vassalboro.	Oak Grove.	Lake View.
Number Local Societies in your Quarter.....	34	36	48	27	18	29	26	11	—	—	—	30
Number organized during past year,	6	6	—	35	1	0	0	10	—	—	—	5
Number discontinued since last report	28	0	—	1	0	0	—	0	—	—	—	0
Number Quarterly C. E. Confer- ences held	2	24	37	17	16	23	21	3	—	—	—	20
At what places	None.	0	2	3	0	7	4	2	—	—	—	5
General condition of work	Yes. 8	No. —	Yes. 25	Yes. 24	No. —	No. —	Yes. 18	—	—	—	—	No.
	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	No.	Yes. Worcester.	No.	—	—	—	—	No.
Have you a Junior Society.....	None.	None.	None.	None.	None.	None.	None.	—	—	—	—	None.
If so, of how many members	19	10	5	10	0	None.	5	—	—	—	—	5
Do you contribute for mission work among the Indians												
What other Missions, if any, re- ceive aid from you.....												
How many members read the Golden Rule												
LOCAL SOCIETIES.												
Number of Active Members.....												
Number of Associate Members												
How many Associates have become Active since 5-15, '94.....												
Number who are Friends												
Number who have become Friends since 5-15, '94.....												
Have you a Junior Society.....												
If so, of how many members												
Do you contribute for mission work among the Indians												
What other Missions, if any, re- ceive aid from you.....												
How many members read the Golden Rule												
Union Society.												

Six.
None.
One.
None.
.....
Prosperous condition.

Three.
One.
None.
None.
.....
Not as lively as last year,
but doing good work.

Good healthy condition.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY FOR YEAR ENDING FIFTH MONTH 15TH, 1895. -- *Concluded.*

QUARTERLY MEETING.	Dover.	Fairfield.	Parsons-field.	Friends' School.	TOTALS.		Increase.	Decrease.	
					5-15, '95.	5-15, '94.			
Number Local Societies in your Quarter. Number organized during past year. Number discontinued since last report. Number Quarterly C. E. Conferences held. At what places. General condition of work.	No Societies Organized in this Quarter.	Five.	No Societies Organized in this Quarter.	....	31				
		None.		....	2				
		None.		....	2				
		None.		....	1				
		 Not as good as could be wished.		....					
LOCAL SOCIETIES.	No Societies Organized in this Quarter.	Hallowell.	Sidney.	West Gardner.	Fairfield.	Man- chester.			
		—	22	19	25	—	—	89	—
		—	9	11	4	—	—	87	—
		—	0	1	—	—	—	—	—
		—	10	12	10	—	—	—	—
		—	0	0	—	—	—	—	—
		—	No.	No.	No.	—	—	—	2
		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		—	No.	Yes.	No.	—	—	10	—
		—	Ramallah, Good-Will Farm.	None.	—	—	—	—	—
How many members read the Golden Rule.	—	8	0	One copy is lent.	—	146	—	—	

8. The following report of our Organizer was read and accepted : —

TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR OF THE
NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING :

During the first half of the year we had no Organizer, Emily S. Weeks not being able to accept the position to which she was elected at the last Yearly Meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. During that time your present Organizer took the place, in a measure, by answering questions by letter and visiting a little personally. At last, by the united and persistent request of the Executive Committee, I accepted the position on condition that I give the work only what time I could well spare from my other work.

Although we have not visited as extensively as in some past years, nor organized as many societies, yet we have written a larger number of letters, we believe, than in any previous year, and thus kept in touch with the work.

For lack of means the evangelistic work has not been pressed as in the last two or three years, therefore the young have not been gathered in by which societies could be formed. Two societies have, however, been formed, one at East Lynn and one at Worcester, the latter the only one directly by your Organizer.

During the year we have addressed four public meetings in the interest of the Christian Endeavor work. The most interesting of these was at Smith's Neck, which was really a convention of the societies of that (Dartmouth) Monthly Meeting, they all being invited.

I hope and pray that the time will come when we can put an evangelist in the field and then follow up his or her work by organizing, until every one of our Meetings in New England has a live Society of Christian Endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK E. JONES, *Organizer*.

9. The following report of the Superintendent of Junior Work was read and received : —

TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR OF NEW
ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING :

Early in the autumn, efforts were made to organize new Junior Societies. Feeling my own inefficiency for the work, in the face of the many discouragements, all has not been accomplished that was hoped for, yet God has wonderfully blessed the Junior work.

One new society has been organized in Boston with eleven members. The little folks have much interest, and nearly all take part in the meetings. Lynn has thirty-eight members. The girls are much interested in missions; most of them take some part in all meetings.

The society at Woonsocket was discontinued through the winter and has not yet been put in working order.

Several of the little ones in the Portland Society have made a public acknowledgment of their faith in Jesus the past year.

We hope that Junior Societies may be formed in all our Quarterly Meetings. It should be the strong point in Christian Endeavor Work to gather the children early to Christ, and encourage them to abide close to Him who gave Himself a ransom for all.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH M. FRYE,

Superintendent of Junior Work.

10. The following report of the Corresponding Secretary was read and accepted : —

TO FRIENDS' CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR UNION :

Your Corresponding Secretary has written quite a number of letters to Quarterly Meeting Superintendents and individual societies, but has been wholly unable to do the work which might have been done and which has suggested itself to my mind.

JENNIE T. BISHOP,

Corresponding Secretary.

11. The following report of the Treasurer was read and accepted. Aside from this report it was found that about \$150 had been raised by various societies, and appropriated without passing through the hands of the Treasurer.

ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE NEW ENGLAND
FRIENDS' Y. P. S. C. E. FOR THE YEAR ENDING SIXTH
MONTH, 1895.

RECEPTS.

1894.

6 Mo.	8.	Collection at Yearly Meeting, Newport	.	\$28	70
"	8.	Cash from Society, Sackville	.	1	00
	"	" " " Vassalboro, Me	.	1	00
"	10.	Received unexpended money from Organizer	.	10	00
"	20.	Check from Society, Woonsocket, R. I.	.	5	00
9 Mo.	23.	Received from Ex-Treasurer	.	25	43

1895.

5 Mo.	23.	Cash from Society, Portland, Me.	.	5	00
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————— \$76 13

EXPENDITURES.

6 Mo. 11.	Paid Wm. Shaw, Treas. United Society C. E. for current expenses while at Yearly Meet- ing, Newport	\$10 00	
9 Mo. 12.	Paid bill of Committee to present the inter- ests of the Indian to the Social Societies	5 25	
12 Mo. 6.	Paid Organizer for current expenses	15 00	30 25
	Balance on hand		\$45 88

ACCOUNT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN EN-
DEAVOR INDIAN MISSION WORK.

RECEIPTS.

9 Mo.	Received from Ex-Treasurer	\$38 75
12 Mo.	“ of Society, Allen's Neck, Mass.	15 75
12 Mo.	“ “ “ Central Village, Mass.	5 00
12 Mo.	“ “ “ Fall River, Mass.	7 00
1 Mo.	“ “ “ “ “	5 50
5 Mo.	“ “ “ “ “	5 50
9 Mo.	“ “ “ Lawrence, Mass.	5 00
3 Mo.	“ “ “ Lynn and E. Lynn, Mass.	30 00
6 Mo.	“ “ “ “ “ “ “	30 00
6 Mo.	“ “ “ Lewiston, Me.	15 00
6 Mo.	“ “ “ Portland, Me.	30 00
9 Mo.	“ “ “ Salem, Mass.	2 00
10 Mo.	“ “ “ “ “	2 00
2 Mo.	“ “ “ “ “	8 00
5 Mo.	“ “ “ “ “	6 00
12 Mo.	“ “ “ So. Durham, Me.	8 11
6 Mo.	“ “ “ “ “ “	1 05
5 Mo.	“ “ “ Somerset and Fall River, Mass.	12 50
11 Mo.	“ “ “ W. Gardiner, Me.	2 00
5 Mo.	“ “ “ Worcester, Mass.	4 00
6 Mo.	“ “ “ Woonsocket, R. I.	2 00
2 Mo.	“ “ “ “ “	14 00
6 Mo.	“ “ “ “ “	14 00
Total		\$263 16

FRED C. DEARBORN, *Treasurer.*

12. The committee appointed last year to recommend the interests of the Mexican Kickapoo Indians to our local societies presented the following report, which was accepted.

TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR OF THE
YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW ENGLAND :

The Committee appointed at our last Meeting to present to the subordinate societies the needs of the mission work among the Mexican Kickapoo Indians would report that as soon as practicable after our appointment a circular letter was sent to each society in the Yearly Meeting briefly stating the needs of this mission, and requesting financial aid in carrying on the work.

One thousand copies of the report of the Committee on Western Indians, together with a part of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society's report, was also printed as a leaflet and sent out with the letter referred to, with the request that they be circulated at the next meeting of the society receiving them. (Copies of the letter and circular are submitted herewith.)

As a result of this work, pledges were received from eight societies, as follows : —

Portland	\$30 00
Lynn	30 00
East Lynn	30 00
Lewiston	30 00
Salem	24 00
Woonsocket	10 00
Lawrence	5 00
Central Village	5 00
Total	<u>\$164 00</u>

The societies at Fall River and South Durham reported that collections would be taken up at stated intervals for this work during the year.

The expense of the Committee for printing was \$5.25, for which amount we have drawn on the Treasurer.

We trust that as a result of our efforts the Treasurer will be able to report a large increase in contributions the past year, and that as the members learn more of the grand work being done by our missionaries among the Red men, they will take a deeper interest in this field of labor and accord to it a still more liberal support in the future.

MARTHA HOAG,
ELISHA T. READ,
MYRA E. FRYE,

Committee.

13. Interesting letters concerning work done were read from Boston, Worcester, and East Lynn societies.

14. Upon the written suggestion of Micajah M. Binford, President of Friends' International Young People's Society of

Christian Endeavor, it was voted to appropriate toward the support of a Christian Endeavor department in the "American Friend."

15. The proposition from William M. Bell, chairman of the Friends Rally at Boston, '95, Convention, concerning badges and refreshments, was laid on the table.

16. Upon motion, it was recommended that one month previous to our Annual Meeting the Recording Secretary send out blanks and procure from each Quarterly Meeting Superintendent the names of the person in his Quarter best suited for the following officers: President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Organizer, Superintendent Junior Work, Treasurer, and Superintendent of his own Quarterly Meeting; this list to be handed to the Committee on Nominations at the time of their appointment.

17. In view of the fact that the harvest is great and the laborers are few, it was recommended that a committee of three be appointed to be known as the Evangelistic Committee, who shall co-operate with the Organizer and President in opening up new fields of labor and encouraging societies already formed.

The following Friends were accordingly appointed, who shall report at next Meeting: Frank E. Jones, Elmer E. Metzger, Jennie W. Crosman.

18. The Nominating Committee not being ready to report, the Meeting adjourned to 7.15 P. M.

SIXTH MONTH, 15TH, 7.15 P. M.

1. Meeting called to order by the President, and the following report of the Nominating Committee was read, and the officers therein named elected for the coming year, viz:—

President, HARRIET E. MACLEAN, 10 Marianna Street, Lynn, Mass.

Recording Secretary, MARY A. CROSMAN, 24 Beach Avenue, Lynn, Mass.

Corresponding Secretary, LUCY J. GODDARD, Deering, Me.

Treasurer, FRED C. DEARBORN, 44 Winter Street, Portland, Me.

Organizer, RALPH EARLE, Dighton, Mass.

Superintendent Junior Work, IDA C. JONES, South China, Me.

QUARTERLY MEETING SUPERINTENDENTS.

Rhode Island — MARY L. CHACE, Fall River, Mass.

Salem — ALICE M. JONES, Amesbury, Mass.

Sandwich — ANNA M. GIFFORD, Westport, Mass.

Falmouth — ARTHUR W. HAWKES, 69 Union Street, Portland, Me.

Smithfield — LEANDER FISHER, Woonsocket, R. I.

Vassalboro — EVA C. GODDARD, East Vassalboro, Me.

Dover — CLARENCE I. PINKHAM, Dover, N. H.

Fairfield — GEORGE F. MORSE, Hallowell, Me.

Parsonsfield — MELISSA S. DEARBORN, Parsonsfield, Me.

2. The Meeting was then merged into the following miscellaneous program. After an opening service of song the congregation stood and repeated the Lord's Prayer. This was followed by a period of devotion in which we were led in prayer by Benjamin F. Trueblood.

After a brief statistical summary we listened to a very interesting paper by Jennie T. Bishop on the value of Junior work, in which she pictured to our minds very forcibly the responsibilities resting upon us in proper training of the young.

Following this, Phebe S. Aydelott showed us in a brief address the importance of proportionate and systematic giving, urging upon us the necessity of combining the two that the work of the Lord might prosper.

We were then very interestingly addressed by Joseph B. Peele on the subject "Good Citizenship," and were made in a measure to realize its great importance. Two local presidents of Portland then spoke a few minutes, telling us briefly of their great interest in Christian Endeavor work and bidding us Godspeed.

Abbie H. Kelley, of Boston, then interested us for a short while on the coming Convention, or "Boston, '95."

George L. Crosman made a few impromptu remarks, after which a collection was taken amounting to \$34.10. Singing was interspersed through the evening, which was greatly added to by the enthusiastic singing of the Convention rally song.

The Meeting was closed by the singing of "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and a closing prayer by Lindley Wells, of Kansas.

LINDLEY M. BINFORD, *President*.

HARRIET E. MACLEAN, *Secretary*.

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YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW ENGLAND,

AT

NEWPORT, R. I.

CALENDAR, 1896.

SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY ORDER OF THE YEARLY MEETING.

FIFTH-DAY, SIXTH MONTH 11TH.

Meeting on Ministry and Oversight	9.00 A. M.	3.00 P. M.
Public Meeting for Worship		7.30 P. M.
Representative Meeting		8.00 P. M.

SIXTH-DAY, SIXTH MONTH 12TH.

Yearly Meeting for Discipline, Joint Sessions	9 00 A. M.	
Annual Meeting of the W. F. M. S.		2.00 P. M.
Public Meeting for Wor-ship		2.00 P. M.
Joint Session. Reports of Boarding Schools and Educational Committees		4.00 P. M.
Public Meeting on Education		7.30 P. M.

SEVENTH-DAY, SIXTH MONTH 13TH.

Devotional Meeting	8.00 A. M.	
Joint Session. Report of Committees on Gospel Work and Church Extension	10.00 A. M.	
Society of Christian Endeavor, Business Meeting		2.00 P. M.
Joint Session. Report of Foreign Mission Committee and Committee on Western Indians		3.00 P. M.
Society of Christian Endeavor		7.00 P. M.

FIRST DAY, SIXTH MONTH 11TH.

Devotional Meeting	8.30 A. M.	
Meetings for Worship	10.30 A. M.	3.30 P. M.
Meeting for Women only		2.00 P. M.
Meeting for Men only		2.00 P. M.
Meeting for Worship		7.30 P. M.

SECOND-DAY, SIXTH MONTH 15TH.

Devotional Meeting	8.30 A. M.	
Joint Session. Report of Temperance Committee and Finance Committee	10.00 A. M.	
Public Meeting on Bible School		2.00 P. M.
Joint Session. Report of Bible School Committee and Committee on Freed-men		4.00 P. M.
Public Meeting of the W. F. M. S.		8.00 P. M.

THIRD-DAY, SIXTH MONTH 16TH.

Gospel Temperance Meeting	3.30 A. M.	
Joint Session. Reading Records of Representative Meeting, Queries and Answers	10.00 A. M.	
Public Meeting for Worship		2.00 P. M.
Committee on Mosher Fund and Peace		4.00 P. M.
Public Meeting on Peace and Arbitration		7.00 P. M.

FOURTH-DAY, SIXTH MONTH 17TH.

Devotional Meeting in Men's Room	8.00 A. M.	
Men's Meeting for Discipline	10.00 A. M.	
Women's Meeting for Discipline	9.00 A. M.	
Joint Session		2.30 P. M.
Public Meeting for Worship		7.30 P. M.